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More than 50 drivers speeding by school

MORE than 50 people were caught during a blitz on speeding.

A community speed watch project organised to combat the problem in Wordsley caught 55 speeding drivers speeding in just two hours.

Councillor Derrick Hemmingsley said he set up the initiative to make the roads safer for school children.

Children

It was focused around Belle Vue Primary, Ashwood Park Primary and Dingle Community Primary schools. It found that 46 drivers were caught driving 35 mph in a 30 mph area. Seven motorists were doing 40 mph and two were driving at 46 mph.

Councillor Hemmingsley said: "My main concern, first and foremost, is the safety of children in the area who have to walk to school while there are speeding cars around."

"I'm a governor at Belle Vue Primary School and my duty is for the wellbeing of the pupils."

"We set up the speed-watch and only noted those that went above 33 mph — and still there more than 50 who broke that in just two hours. That is too many."

A similar scheme to take place outside Ashwood Park Primary School.

New chief of fire service

A PERMANENT chief fire officer has been appointed temporarily to West Midlands Fire Service.

Phil Loach, who has been covering the position since November, was unanimously chosen by the authority.

The 47-year-old from Stourbridge was appointed temporarily to the post in following his predecessor's retirement.

He was tasked with reducing the size of the senior management team to save £235,000.

CANNABIS FARM NEXT TO SHOPS

MORE than 1,000 cannabis plants with a total value of £500,000 have been seized following a police raid in Dudley town centre.

The cannabis farm was discovered in a disused shop opposite the Trident Shopping Centre in Wolverhampton Street.

Two men were arrested in connection with the production and cultivation of cannabis during the raid.

Acting on information provided by the public, eight officers from Dudley Local Policing Unit carried out the raid at around 8am on Monday.

Carpenters working nearby provided a steel saw to help police gain entry to the rear of the premises, which had previously operated as a hardware and gardening store.

Arrest

Sergeant Rob Simpson, from the St James's neighbourhood team, said the men inside had not resisted arrest.

"This is quite a sophisticated, well set-up cultivation," he said. "I haven't got an exact number of plants yet but I would estimate there are more than 1,000. They are at varying stages of growth however and are clearly quite well established."

"This was an excellent result. This is a substantial amount of cannabis which won't be hitting the streets of Dudley. This is a positive outcome for the local community."

Officers found a ventilation system had been set up so the cannabis could not be smelt by shoppers on Wolverhampton Street. Fans were in place to circulate heat and there was evidence of equipment to feed plants.

By Rob Cox

Sgt Simpson added: "This morning's raid, carried out following intelligence from local people, shows the success of our interaction with the community."

"Working together we have taken a large amount of drugs off the streets."

Kham Aslam, a regular shopper on Wolverhampton Street, said: "I had absolutely no idea and I walk down to the supermarket across the road nearly every day."

"If the shutters are down you assume it is closed and that no-one is using it. I certainly didn't think there was anyone in there."

"It's a bit of a shock to find out that is what it was being used for."

Last week police seized 155 cannabis plants during a raid on a house in Halesowen following a tip-off from a member of the public.

Drugs officers found that two rooms, including the loft space, had been turned over for the cultivation of cannabis.

One person was arrested during the snoop at the house in Tenterfields on October 28.

Sgt Simpson urged anyone with information about cannabis to contact police on 101.



Pc Jemma Follows is surrounded by the cannabis plants, worth £500,000, in a former shop in Dudley town centre

50 languages in borough schools

AT LEAST 50 different languages and dialects are being spoken in classrooms across Dudley.

It lays bare the challenge facing teachers to deal with a diverse range of languages including Tagalog, spoken as a first language by a quarter of the population of the Philippines.

The list also includes Polish, French, Portuguese, Punjabi and Urdu. Arabic is the most commonly spoken language of foreign school children in Dudley, followed by Bengali.

Almost 140 languages are spoken in schools in neighbouring Sandwell and at least 130 in Wolverhampton.

The list can be revealed days after

Sir Michael Wilshaw, head of the education watchdog Ofsted, said schools needed more help to deal with rising numbers of children speaking foreign languages.

He said: "When they're faced with an influx of children from other countries, they need the resources and capacity to deal with it and if those resources aren't there, that's a big issue for Government. We'll be producing reports on this quite soon."

But Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for education at Dudley Council, said teachers saw it as a positive thing and were rising to the challenge.

He said: "We are in a small world. When I was young it was odd meeting someone from the other side of Dudley in class. Now, we have children coming from across the world. I know we have more than 50 languages being spoken by children in our schools."

The Prime Minister is under pressure to tighten up on immigration from countries within the European Union as well as outside it. But German Chancellor Angela Merkel has called into question Britain's continued EU membership if David Cameron insists on measures which undermine the principle of the free movement of labour within the EU.

Services planned to mark Poppy Day

RESIDENTS and members of the Royal British Legion will come together to mark Remembrance Day at a series of events taking place across the borough on Sunday.

In Dudley, hundreds of people are expected at the cenotaph in Ednam Road, Dudley, from 10.40am.

Uniformed organisations can also take part in the parade by meeting in Vicar Street for 10.15am.

There will also be a gathering at war memorial at Grazebrook Park, off Grazebrook Road and New Road, for a service from 9am on Sunday.

Members of Quarry Bank Legion will meet at Christ Church, in High Street, Quarry Bank, at 10.30am and then will go to the war memorial in nearby Stevens Park.

Residents are asked to meet in Somers Square for the Halesowen parade on Sunday from 10.15am. They will continue onto the cenotaph for 10.40am before a service at Halesowen Parish Church.

In Stourbridge, there will be a service in Mary Stevens Park. People are asked to gather by the council offices in the park at 10.30am. Colley Gate Legion will meet in Colley Lane at 2.30pm and parade to St Peter's Church.

20mph limit and island

A 20mph speed limit could be introduced outside a primary school.

Dudley Council is proposing bringing in the limit in School Drive at Amblecote Primary School. The project would cost £2,500 and will also see a pedestrian island in the nearby High Street.

It follows a consultation with councillors, emergency services, the school and residents. Two objections were received, with one suggesting a change to parking arrangements instead.

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Flats plan would 'lower the tone'

MORE than 40 objection by neighbours have been lodged against plans to divide a single Dudley town centre apartment into two flats after residents claimed the scheme would 'lower the tone'.

Residents of the apartments above shops in New Street, Dudley, say the plans by landlord Clifford Morgan to split his two-bedroom duplex apartment into two single

bedroom flats would have a detrimental impact on their homes. The neighbours have sent letters to planning officer Faisal Agha outlining their opposition to the plan, which is in a conservation area. They say that the flats would be likely to be taken by students and fear it would lead to an increase in noise and parking problems. The letters all said the property

was one of the smaller ones in the row, and did not lend itself to such division due to its size. The statement continued: "It is a gross distortion of the original building rationale for these flats, which form an avenue of family, exclusive, elegant traditional dwellings that radiate the casual quality that is England, not a rabbit warren, as in bedsit land."

Senior conservation officer Jayne Pilkington has also called for the plan to be rejected, saying that it would fail to meet building regulations. "It will have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the Dudley town centre conservation area," she added. Mr Morgan's application said the plans would have minimal impact on a listed building in Tower Street.

Officers supporting new mosque scheme

A PLAN for a new mosque in Dudley has won the backing of council officers ahead of a decision later this month — despite more than 800 people objecting to the proposal.

Dudley Muslim Association wants to build the 52ft high mosque with 62ft high minaret in Hall Street, along with a two-storey car park in Hall Street.

The planning application was revised from a previously failed bid, which had the minaret at a height of 109ft. It has still attracted 885 letters of objection with opposition over the size of the three-storey mosque and fears of road congestion.

A total of 370 letters of support and a petition backing the application with 1,718 signatures were sent to the council.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Steve Waltho supports the proposal, saying it would bring the community together and transform an 'eyesore' site.

Acceptable

In a report to councillors ahead of a development control meeting on the proposal next week, officers said: "The design and appearance of the proposed development, along with the proposed landscaping of the site, is considered to be acceptable and the proposal is considered to have sufficiently overcome the previous reasons for refusal."

If approved, the plans could still be halted at a High Court hearing next year, part of an on-going battle between the association and Dudley Council over the land.

Council leader Councillor David Sparks said: "Even if the Dudley Muslim Association were to win the challenge it wouldn't mean Dudley Council handed the land back the next day. Anyone can make a planning application for any piece of land."

Kingswinford North and Wall Heath's Councillor Billingham said: "The Conserv-

Two Tories defect to Labour



Councillors Glenis Simms and Cheryl Billingham with Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin

TWO Dudley councillors who switched allegiance to Labour said they felt the Conservative government was 'out of touch with the needs of working people'.

Councillors Cheryl Billingham and Glenis Simms last week announced their defection. The pair, who have been councillors for three years, were met outside Dudley Council House by Labour Shadow Secretary of State for Transport Mary Creagh MP.

Kingswinford North and Wall Heath's Councillor Billingham said: "The Conserv-

ative Party is out of touch and no longer stands up for ordinary hard working people in Dudley. I have been disillusioned with the Conservative government as a whole, and some of the policies."

Wordsley's Councillor Simms said: "David Cameron's Conservative Party is out of touch with the concerns of ordinary people in Dudley. It is about the community. We will work no differently to how we have always worked (but) with a red rosette."

Speeding blitz to enforce new limit

MOTORISTS have been speeding on a busy route where a new 30 mph limit was introduced in a bid to boost safety.

Ten drivers were caught by police during a clamp-down in Thorns Road, Quarry Bank.

Speed limits were trimmed from 40mph to 30mph in the wake of concerns after a man died after being hit by a lorry.

The number of schools, parks and homes in the vicinity of the busy road were also among the factors.

The Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood neighbourhood team said the speeding issue was raised by residents attending a community meeting on October 15. A police spokesman said they have increased both foot and mobile patrols along Thorns Road.

During an operation last week, 10 motorists were caught speeding.

Police also said they were monitoring reports of speeding on nearby Dunns Bank.

Councillor Bryan Cotterill said: "If people are found speeding along Thorns Road they must be dealt with accordingly. We have had a problem in Dunns Bank for a while so I'm glad they are looking at this."

Online forum is a success

AN ONLINE forum went on the road for the first time prompting praise from community leaders.

Dudley Council's Facebook community forum came from Insight House, the home of WeLoveCarers, in Brierley Hill, last week.

Community representatives came to the venue to ask questions and join a debate online. They joined the 1,542 people who viewed the digital debate via the internet. The event was hailed a success by council bosses, who have vowed to work more closely with local groups.

Home and pie

A PARTECHARGE open weekend is being held at a Kingswinford housing development. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served for visitors to Taylor Wimpey's Himley View site, off Stallings Lane, on November 15 and 16. The marketing suite will be open 11am to 3pm.

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Extra park and ride car spaces at station

MORE than 200 free parking spaces are being created at a busy railway station in a £900,000 scheme to ease parking problems.

An extra 223 spaces are being added to Stourbridge Junction station, on top of the existing 789 spaces already on site.

Public transport authority Centro is carrying out the work to ease overcrowding at the station in Brook Road, Oldswinford, where the car park often fills up before the end of the morning rush hour.

Councillor Mohammed Hanif, who represents Dudley Council on Centro, said the extension would also make life easier for commuters and residents.

He said: "This work is not only good news for commuters but also for residents in the surrounding streets. They have told me how they have been inconvenienced by commuters parking outside their homes so this extension should help address that issue."

Centro rail boss Councillor Roger Horton said free park-and-ride sites, such as Stourbridge Junction, played an important role in attracting thousands of motorists to make their main daily commute by train.

Village has a new fire HQ

FIREFIGHTERS have moved into Kinver's new £1.9 million fire station.

The building has replaced the village's outdated site in Fairfield Drive, built in 1957.

West Midlands Fire Service says the station has been designed to allow crews to respond more efficiently.

Community groups will also be encouraged to use the meeting rooms.

Station manager Liam Hickey said: "The modern station will allow us to provide the first-class emergency response cover that our communities expect and deserve."

Hurt in horse fall

A WOMAN who fell off a horse in a lane near Stourbridge had to be rescued by a specialist 4X4.

The 45-year-old suffered concussion and bruising to her ribs in Waystone Lane, Belbroughton. The accident happened at 3pm on October 27.

Men caught when moving cannabis plants

THREE men caught by police dismantling a £69,000 cannabis factory have been jailed. Wayne Gloster, Joseph Foster and Alexander Bills were jailed after they were found removing more than 170 cannabis plants from a property in Hurst Green Road in Halesowen on July 24 last year.

A fourth defendant Michael Smith was given a suspended sentence.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told last week that an agent had been sent to the house to carry out an inspection, but was refused access and the police were then called.

Mr Simon Warlock, prosecuting, said: "When the police attended, various items were being loaded into a Mercedes van driven by Mr Smith and a Ford Transit driven by Mr Gloster. This included 173 cannabis plants and electrical equipment."

Gloster's van was tracked to the Birmingham New Road in Dudley. It was cornered by police but this didn't stop the 39-year-old from trying to escape.

Mr Warlock said: "Mr Gloster then drove at the police officer who had put his hand to stop the defendant from getting away. He mounted a grass verge to try and escape,

but a slip road was fortunately blocked by police."

Police searched the house in Halesowen and found evidence of a cannabis factory. There were plastic sheets, windows taped up and remnants of cannabis on the floor.

Mr Warlock said: "It was typical of a sophisticated cannabis factory. Officers valued the cannabis at around £69,000."

In one of the vans they found 173 cannabis plants, compost and electrical wiring.

All four were arrested and pleaded guilty to possession of class B cannabis but with mitigating circumstances.

Mr Jas Mann, defending, said Foster, 35, had been promised £100 to carry out the work but didn't receive the money. Foster, of Trafalgar Court, Tividale, was handed a 39-week jail term.

Bills, aged 26, of Overbury Road, Northfield, Birmingham was given 46 weeks in custody. Smith, 56, of Hawkestone Crescent, West Bromwich, was given a 39 week sentence suspended for two years and will be supervised for two years.

Gloster, of St Marks Road, Dudley, was jailed for two years and banned from driving for 24 months.

Three taken to hospital after stabbing incident

THREE people were taken to hospital with stab injuries following a disturbance in a quiet cul-de-sac in Stourbridge.

A man is believed to have stabbed two women at an address in Robins Close, Oldswinford and then himself. They are all known to each other.

A 20 year-old woman is in a serious but stable condition with lacerations and a 19 year-old has minor injuries. The 57 year-old is also described as being in a serious but stable condition.

The incident happened on Friday evening. West Midlands Police spokeswoman Sarah Astbury said: "Police were called to an address in Robins Close, Oldswinford at 9.35pm following a report of a disturbance."

Free stalls for crafters at market

ENTREPRENEURS in Dudley are being offered a last chance to bag themselves a free stall at a special Christmas market in the town centre in December.

On December 6 shoppers can get their Christmas gifts at a festive market for people who make and sell items from home.

The offer of free stalls to local home-based businesses has been popular, with only a few stalls remaining.

The market will run from 10am to 4pm at Stone Street Square, next to the town's Christmas tree.

It will be the final event of Dudley's wider Small Business Week programme from December 1 to 5.

There will also be free parking across the borough at all council car parks on Saturday 6, 13 and 20 December.

Anyone interested in having a stall for the market, free for one day only, should email SBS.Markets@dudley.gov.uk and the email must include full name and address, phone number. For more information about Small Business Saturday, visit www.dudley.gov.uk/sbs

Forced

"A man - known to the occupants - is believed to have forced his way into the property and stabbed two women inside. He then stabbed himself. All three were taken to hospital."

Inquiries are continuing. The house was taped off and a police car was outside of the scene over the weekend.

Neighbours in the residential street spoke of their shock. One man, who lives close to the scene and declined to give his name, said: "It's so shocking. This is the first thing of this sort to happen in this road because nothing ever happens here. It's so quiet and you don't ever get any trouble."

"For something like this to happen shows it could happen anywhere." Another resident, who has lived in the street for more than 40 years, added: "I saw the ambulance on the night but I had no idea how serious it was until I saw the police car in the morning. It's a safe place to live, so it is a shock."

Councillors highlight homeless plight



Councillor Pete Lowe and Councillor Richard Body prepare to spend Christmas Eve night 'sleeping rough'

TWO Dudley borough councillors will spend Christmas Eve night without a roof over their heads to help raise awareness of the support needed for homeless teenagers in the area.

The council's deputy leader, Councillor Pete Lowe, and Councillor Richard Body will 'sleep rough' from 7pm on Christmas Eve to 7am on Christmas Day.

The pair will give up the comfort of their family homes as part of the council's bid to raise awareness of

the problem. They will also be raising sponsorship money, which will go to the YMCA Black Country Group charity.

The council has backed the Open Door project set up by YMCA, which involves people in the community signing up to house homeless young people.

There are currently 80 hosts signed up to help, including Councillor Body, but more homes are desperately needed to ensure youngsters have a

safe place to stay. Councillor Lowe said: "I'm sure to spend just one night on the street will highlight just how important the work of the YMCA charity is."

"The depressing fact is that sleeping rough is a reality for so many teenagers in the Black Country and we want people to sit up and take notice. We hope people will get in touch with the charity to make a donation."

Sponsor the councillors at www.virginmoneygiving.com/ChristmasBox

NEWS IN BRIEF

Numbers soaring at leisure centres

A RECORD number of people visited leisure centres in Dudley last year which is a huge boost for healthy lifestyles say council bosses.

Over 1.2 million people headed through the doors of Dudley's three leisure centres between the 2013/14 period.

There were 579,061 visits made to Crystal Leisure Centre, whilst 269,808 were made to Dudley Leisure Centre. Almost 400,000 people visited Halesowen Leisure Centre.

The figures also revealed membership of their gyms soared from 600 to 3,871.

Three injured in fight outside club

THREE people were taken to hospital following a fight outside a nightclub in Brierley Hill in the early hours of Saturday.

Dudley Road was sealed off by police between Venture Street and Level Way during the disorder outside Pulse at around 5am.

Smashed glass was seen on the road and a plastic sheet covered an area of a car park nearby.

West Midlands Police said the injuries sustained by the three were not life threatening.

Gym in donation to mayor's charity

A GYM has donated over £400 to the Mayor of Dudley's charity fund.

Bosses at Unique Fitness in Castle Hill, Dudley, presented the mayor with a cheque for £414 for Action Heart Dudley, which is one of Councillor Margaret Aston's charities.

The ladies only gym is also planning to donate another cheque for the same amount to the Pensnett Panthers football team.

Fresh road name is 300 years old

THE name of a new road has a connection which goes back more than 300 years.

Laymoor Drive, off Tenlands Drive, Halesowen has been created as part of a development of nine homes.

The name was taken from land to the west which was on a map of Hasbury dated 1750.

Black Country talk

OLDBURY poet Billy Spake Mon, alias Brian Dakin, will be giving a talk on the role of the Black Country dialect at Kingswinford Library, Market Street, on Wednesday, November 12, at 2.30pm. Admission £3.



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IF HS2 goes from London to Birmingham and HS3 from Leeds to Manchester, what next? A reader suggests HS4 to whisk MPs from the Commons to their free bars, and HS5 to take "out-of-touch politicians and greedy bankers" out of London and straight over the 500 ft cliff at Beachy Head.

NATIONAL Grid, facing a shortage of electricity, has warned it may have to reduce voltage, leading to "brown-outs" of dimmed bulbs this winter. In this age of dismal, low-energy bulbs, will anyone notice? Remember when a single 100 watt bulb filled your room with glorious light? Own up. How many of us are still sitting on stockpiles of wicked old, planet-killing 100-watters? By their bright homes shall ye know them.

ON the Guardian website, of all places, someone emails: "Why should any man support a feminist movement?" He's commenting on David Cameron's refusal to wear a T-shirt with the logo: "This is what a feminist looks like." You can see the emailer's point. Feminism is about promoting the rights of women, which presumably could diminish the rights of us males. If working-class people who vote Tory are denounced as class traitors, isn't a man who supports feminism a gender-traitor?

IF you thought the commercialisation of law had gone far enough with driver-awareness courses, consider a recent case in Wolverhampton where eight men have been ordered to attend a "kerb crawlers" rehabilitation course." Both hands on the dashboard, Mr Jones.

A NEW super-computer means the Met Office will be able to give us 100 per cent accurate weather forecasts. And where's the fun in that?



TINY victory for common sense. Stephen Gough, the so-called "Naked Rambler," has lost his case at the European Court of Human Rights. The court ruled that the law "does not go so far as to enable individuals, even those sincerely convinced of the virtue of their own beliefs, to repeatedly impose their anti-social conduct on other, unwilling members of society." In other words, there is no human right to behave like a total prat.

I SHOULD have known that mentioning the Mamod steam engine would trigger all sorts of dangerous yearnings among blokes of a certain age. One reader confesses he drank the methylated spirits that came with his Mamod, just to see what it was like. Another fondly recalls his first chemistry set which not only contained the ingredients for gunpowder but gave you the proper names for the chemicals, so you could order much bigger quantities at your chemists. There was a time in the 1950-60s when a fair proportion of little British boys were not only in possession of bomb-making equipment but out of their heads on meths. Mind you, we didn't have a Terrorist Act then.

INCIDENTALLY, Mamod, founded in 1936 is still in business, chugging away at a factory in Smethwick. <http://www.mamod.co.uk/>

WELL done, Miranda Hart, for honouring one of the oldest rules of showbiz: always leave 'em wanting more. After three series, she has decided to make no more episodes of Miranda. She is following the example of Fawlty Towers, which had only 12 episodes. And she's avoiding the grisly mistake of Last of the Summer Wine which dragged mercilessly on, like an incurable boil, for 31 series. It lasted from 1973 until 2010 relying on one single gag, namely old blokes doing daft things in a Yorkshire accent. Ee bah gum, it did go on.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Street lights get energy saving bulbs

THOUSANDS of street lights across Dudley have been fitted with new energy saving lanterns as part of plans to cut council energy bills

More than half of the borough's 32,000 street lights can now be controlled remotely, allowing some to be dimmed.

Dudley Council has replaced and fitted remote control devices to 25,000 lanterns.

Earlier this year the council revealed plans to turn off lights after midnight in some areas from 2016 onwards.

Bosses hope it makes little difference as most people are in bed between midnight and 5am. It is estimated the move could save £100,000 during the 2016/17 financial year.

Transport boss Councillor Khurs-

hid Ahmed said: "We have borrowed £4.5million which we have been investing in the street lighting improvement works since 2013.

"We are yet to finalise specific details on dimming lights at appropriate times but we anticipate this money will be paid back through the energy savings it creates within seven years."

By swapping traditional bulbs for

LED lighting, energy usage is cut by half and maintenance costs for the lamps are also much lower. Lighting levels can be cut using a dimming device when there is less traffic.

During the past two years, the council has also spent thousands of pounds replacing dangerous or outdated lampposts.

A trial using energy saving lamps was held on Dudley's Priory estate.

Raiders in mistaken revenge attack jailed

TWO hooded raiders who brutally battered a man in his home have been jailed for eight and a half years each.

Shane Simmonds launched the terrifying revenge attack on John O'Dwyer because he mistakenly believed the victim had got him sacked, a judge heard. The 23-year-old thug struck with his cousin Carlton Campbell, aged 38, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

By John Scott

The pair had paper bags with eye holes over their heads as they shattered a window of the victim's home in Rangeways Road, Kingswinford, at 4.45am on April 19, said Mr Alistair Redford, prosecuting.

Simmonds and Mr O'Dwyer had known each other for 20 years but fell out after Simmonds lost his job and thought the latter had instigated the dismissal.

Mr O'Dwyer, his partner and 18-year-old step-daughter were asleep when the attackers burst into the house. He was woken by the breaking glass and rushed to the lounge where Simmonds repeatedly hit him over the head with the metal bar.

Campbell joined in when the victim fought back and started kicking Mr O'Dwyer, whose screaming partner feared she was about to be raped when followed into the bedroom by Simmonds, the prosecutor said.

The defendant punched her before returning to the lounge where his cousin was still fighting with Mr O'Dwyer, who later required

treatment for eight head wounds.

The two attackers fled after hearing police were on their way but the hood was ripped off Simmonds and he was recognised.

Simmonds from Bryce Road, Pensnett, was arrested later the same day while Campbell, of Mullett Street, was detained after traces of his blood were found.

Mr Jasvir Mann, defending, said Simmonds had "fuelled himself" with alcohol and cocaine before launching the attack.

"He is ordinarily a well behaved, hard working man who has made the biggest error of judgement of his life," said Mr Mann.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, for Campbell, said: "He is an industrious and responsible family man who cannot explain this lapse."

Both defendants admitted aggravated burglary with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Shop joins crisis network

A MOBILITY scooter shop in the Merry Hill shopping centre has joined the network of community information points across the Dudley. Shopmobility has joined the network aimed at preventing people from getting into crisis.

There are now more than 20 community information points in the borough, with specially trained information champion volunteers, who provide residents with easier access to information around health, social care and benefits.

The service opens on November 12 with community information champions initially available on Wednesdays and Fridays 10am to 1pm.

Hair raising effort for charity



Victoria Clyde with her 16-year-old daughter Mollie taking a look at her lopped locks

A CAFE owner was inspired by her family to lop off her locks for a good cause.

Mother-of-four Vicky Clyde, of Wordsley, who lost her father to cancer, decided to cut off her hair for charity after having watched her 18-year-old niece do the same. With her son Benjamin a frequent charity runner, the 43-year-old felt it was time to take on her own challenge.

As well as donating cash from sponsors, Vicky will be giving her hair to the Little Princess Trust which provides real-hair

wigs to boys and girls who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment.

She said: "I had been thinking for a long time about having it cut anyway. I hadn't realised there was a way you could do it helping others at the same time. When I found out my niece had done it and I could be helping people, I knew I had to go for it."

The cut took place at Vicky's cafe at Brierley Hill market hall with sister Kirstie wielding the scissors. She has raised around £300 for charity New Hope.

Conman loses his appeal on sentence

A CROOKED financial adviser who conned £478,000 out of his victims has lost an appeal against his prison sentence, with a judge saying it was 'richly deserved'.

Mark Lewis promised huge returns on investments in property and solar panels, but left victims empty-handed.

In May, the 51-year-old who lived in Oakdene Close, Hedgesford, was jailed for six years and five months at Stafford Crown Court after admitting 16 counts of fraud.

His victims were from across the West Midlands, including Dudley, many of them retired. They lost life savings, pension pots, money put aside for grandchildren's education and in one case a beloved father's legacy.

He appealed but two senior judges on Friday dismissed his case. Giving judgment at the Court of Appeal, Mr Justice Spencer said the sentence was 'undoubtedly stiff'.

"These were very serious offences of their kind which caused the victims untold anxiety and distress, as well as great financial loss," he continued. "We think that the overall sentence was just and proportionate and not manifestly excessive."

A spark of love at park

THE annual Firework Festival at West Midland Safari Park will be a love-themed event this year.

The attraction is hosting the event this weekend.

To coincide with the theme, the firework display will be held alongside well-known love songs at 7.15 on Saturday and 6.15 Sunday.

They will include Phil Collins' Easy Lover and Whole Lotta Love by Led Zeppelin.

Huge bonfires that are lit for each event. They will take park staff a week to build, with pallets donated from nearby businesses.

The name game

THERE will be a talk on the origins of British surnames at the Dudley Archives.

David Howe will be delivering the What is a Name? lecture for members of the Friends of Dudley Archives and Local History Service tonight (Thursday) at 7.30pm.

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Potential life saving gear at council HQ

LIFE-SAVING equipment and training has been brought to Dudley Council House to help visitors if taken ill.

Staff at Priory Road are being given training in how to use the new on-site defibrillator.

The Heart Start training is being given by West Midlands Fire Service and includes how to recognise and treat cardiac arrest.

The new equipment, which is portable and delivers an electric current which can re-start a heart, has been provided by West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Mayor of Dudley's consort, Councillor Adam Aston is a paramedic and can use the equipment. He said: "This equipment is so important because if it is used within three minutes of a cardiac arrest it can improve the chances of survival to over 70 per cent. The Council House can be a very busy building and I am delighted we have this equipment at hand. It is also pleasing that staff are being equipped with these vital skills."

A defibrillator is also available at The Ryemarket in Stourbridge, purchased through St John Ambulance with funds from Kidderminster and Stourbridge Lions.

Village will remember

CLENT History Society will pay tribute to the men from the village who fought in the First World War.

On Sunday, November 16, the group will hold special displays at Clent Parish Hall, in Church Avenue, from 11am to 4pm.

The event will showcase the society's archives, with photographs and postcards, themed displays, parish and school records, publications, maps, parish magazines from 1887, and newly acquired memorabilia.

Admission is £2, children go free. Tea and coffee available.

Vintage style

A VINTAGE fair featuring retro fashion and pop-up hair and beauty salon is being held in Stourbridge next Saturday.

The event is on November 15 at St Thomas's church hall, Market Street, 11am to 4pm. It will also feature crafts and collectables.

Hippodrome campaigners miss key deadline

CAMPAIGNERS have missed a deadline to lodge fresh plans to run Dudley Hippodrome.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome were hoping to lodge a fresh business plan to run the landmark theatre and were vying with a developer who wants to turn it into a £8 million entertainment venue.

Both groups were told to have their plans submitted to Dudley Council by October 31. The developer, ROK Group, has done so but the friends organisation had not, claiming council bosses didn't give them access to the theatre quick enough.

Members of the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome group also say that officials from the local authority would only give them restricted access once inside.

They say they are hoping to now get a business plan to the council this week but admit it won't be complete.

Dudley Council said work to evaluate The ROK Group proposal is underway. Both groups were given a day's access to the venue earlier this month.

Friends chairman Gordon Downing said they were disappointed not to be allowed into the theatre's basement, where they

hope to hold gigs. Mr Downing said: "It was the main area that we wanted to look at. It has taken a while to get the visit sorted out and when it came we were always going to be struggling with the deadline."

"We will hope to get the plans in within the next seven days but there had had to be a some assumptions."

Group member Gaz Sawers said: "We have been asking for access for ages and it was only in the last few days we have got it and it was very restricted."

Dudley regeneration boss Councillor Judy Foster said: "We have been working

with the friends group for around two and half years and given them ample opportunity to submit a realistic business plan.

"Last week we also gave members access to parts of the building that were safe, however, some parts are too dangerous to venture into because of asbestos. Many members of the group took this opportunity to look around and we await their latest business plan."

"However, we cannot allow this issue to drag on, which is costing the tax-payer considerable amounts of money in allowing the building to deteriorate further."

MP demanding action on road safety after accident

AN MP is demanding talks with transport bosses over a 'dangerous' road bend in Dudley, following a crash which left a woman seriously injured

Planned safety improvements were unveiled by Dudley Council for the turn on Temple Street in Lower Gornal three months ago.

But no work has yet been carried out and, on Thursday, a woman suffered serious leg injuries after she was hit by a car on that stretch of road.

Community meetings taking place

PEOPLE can air their views about issues of concern in their own community during the latest round of public forums being held across Dudley borough next week.

Brierley Hill, Brockmoor and Pensnett community forum takes place at Fens Pool Community Centre, in Tennyson Street, Brierley Hill on Tuesday.

Hall

On the same night Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, Kingswinford South and Wordsley community forum will be held at St Mary's Church Hall, in The Village, Kingswinford.

Amblecote, Cradley and Wollescote, Lye and Stourbridge North community forum is taking place on Wednesday, November 12, at Providence Methodist Church, in Colley Orchard, Colley Gate, from 6.30pm.

Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South community forum will be at Lutley Community Centre, in Brookwillow Road, Halesowen, on the same night.

A petition by councillors Dave Branwood and Stuart Turne, calling for action over the bend, attracted more than 500 signatures earlier this year.

The council says the road safety measures, which include improved road markings and extended kerbs, will be rolled out 'very shortly'.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin is demanding an urgent update on the planned improvements from council officers.

A petition by councillors Dave Branwood and Stuart Turne, calling for action over the bend, attracted more than 500 signatures earlier this year.

Mr Austin said: "I was appalled to hear of this latest terrible accident, which has sadly left a woman in hospital."

"I have been leading a campaign to improve the safety on the road and this shows how important it is to get something done quickly. I have contacted the council demanding an urgent update on the improvements that were planned and whether there is anything they can do now to improve safety on the bend."

Transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "Our thoughts at the moment are with the accident victim and her family and a full investigation led by the police will be carried out to ascertain the cause of the accident starting immediately and with the full co-operation of the council."

Music will spark off hall's big night



Sharon Bishop and Dave Cole get into the spirit of things ahead of the divas and duds-themed display at Himley Hall

FIREWORKS will light the sky to the sound of some of the biggest names in music rock and pop during this year's Himley Park bonfire.

Thousands of visitors are expected to descend on the attraction on the Dudley-South Staffordshire border for the annual extravaganza on Saturday.

The event will have a 'diva and duds' theme and will feature music from Beyonce, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson, David Guetta, Jessie J, James Brown and Adele.

Gates will open at 4.30pm and Heart FM will be entertaining the crowd from 6.30pm.

The giant bonfire will be lit at 7.45pm with the fireworks spectacular starting at 8.30pm.

Thomas Jones' giant funfair and seasonal refreshments will also be on offer. The event regularly attracts in the region of 20,000 people and over a mile and a half of temporary roadway is brought in to produce parking and vehicle drive space. Councillor Hilary

Bills said: "We're very excited about this year's fireworks show, which promises to be bigger and better than ever before."

"I would like to thank our sponsors Sanders and Co for their generous support."

Tickets are £9 for adults, £4.50 for juniors and senior citizens while under 5s are free. A family ticket for two adults and two children is £23 while car parking is £3.

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Small child is freed from a locked car

A 18-month-old girl stuck in the front seat of a locked car in Stourbridge had to be freed by firefighters.

The child was trapped inside the vehicle when her mother accidentally dropped the keys when fitting a baby seat. It happened in the car park at Mary Stevens Park at 1.45pm on Friday.

A firefighter smashed a small window to open the door. The child had been inside for only 15 minutes. Firefighter Adam Massey said: "The child wasn't distressed and very happy when reunited with her mother."

Repair work under way on centre roof

A COMMUNITY centre closed on Monday for more than a week of repair work.

Lye Community Centre suffered severe damage when water leaked through the roof earlier this year.

Management board chairman Abdul Qadus has since campaigned for funding from Dudley Council for repair work.

Contractors were finally moving in to replace the centre's damaged ceiling and electrical fittings. The centre will be closed until November 7.

More than 100 apprentices join

WESTERN Power Distribution, the electricity company responsible for maintaining the electricity network in the Midlands, has welcomed 115 new apprentices to its Black Country base as part of its annual recruitment drive.

The apprentices spend their first 13 weeks learning basic skills at WPD's state-of-the-art training centres, one of which is based at Tipton.

Three on bill for pub's folk night

STOURBRIDGE Folk Club is welcoming two top folk artists later this month.

The club at Katie Fitzgeralds, in Enville Street, will see Dan Owen and Eddy Morton headline on November 27. The pair will be joined by local blues singer Sunjay Brayne.

Tickets cost £8 in advance from www.stourbridgefolkclub.com.

Zeppelin raid talk

THERE will be a talk on the Black Country Zeppelin raid of January 1916 by Derek Nicholls at Sedgley Local History Society's meeting in St Andrew's Church, Bilston Street, on November 13 at 7.30pm.

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people



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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

AS part of a campaign by the Fawcett Society, a number of politicians including Ed Miliband, Nick Clegg, and Harriet Harman have been persuaded to wear a T-shirt bearing the words 'This is what a feminist looks like'.

Now a newspaper has claimed that the T-shirts, which are being sold in the trendy clothes shop Whistles, are being made in Indian sweatshops by women workers who are paid the princely sum of 62p an hour.

Personally, I'm always suspicious about these 'raising awareness' campaigns, which usually seem to be more about the people taking part than the causes behind them.

It seems risible that anyone can really change anything just by wearing a T-shirt.

And not being funny ladies, but if you really are serious about wanting to get people to join your cause, telling them they will look like Ed Miliband really does seem a strange way of going about it.

FOR many people, particularly the elderly, Halloween now seems to be a night of terror.

Teenagers who are really old enough to know better use the tradition of Trick or Treat as an excuse to demand money with menaces from some of the most vulnerable members of society.

Yet while this rather unpleasant aspect of Halloween seems to have grown exponentially over the past decade or so, has anybody wondered what has happened to the good old 'penny for the guy'?

Of course, the penny was usually five pence, and I suppose there aren't so many of the ad-hoc bonfire displays around these days for them to burn their guys.

But even so, you might think that some of the schools could involve youngsters in keeping this old tradition alive.

At least seeking a penny for the guy involved a bit of effort and workmanship on the part of the youngsters. These days, it seems a hat from the pound shop and an aerosol can for graffiti is about the limit of their ingenuity.

TALK about man's best friend. Alleged drug producer Edward Henderson found the game was up when he was turned in by his own dog.

Henderson tried to make a run for it when police raided his house in Alabama, and managed to hide in the long grass while officers searched for him.

But Henderson was rumbled when an officer told the suspect's dog, Bo, 'go get him', and the dog ran into the field, searched out his master and stood over him, wagging his tail.

By the way, Henderson lives in a city called Prattville. You don't say.



All smiles as ISP workers wave flags



The Queen checks out a plan of the JLR site



A posy from Amelia Hughes, aged five

Wave of smiles for Queen's visit

Cheers and flags flying as thousands turn out to welcome Her Majesty. ROB GOLLEDGE reports

CROWDS cheered, Union Flags were held up and hundreds of camera phones burst into life when Her Majesty The Queen made her first visit to Wolverhampton in two decades.

Arriving at the city's railway station by Royal train, she then made the four-mile journey along the A449 Stafford Road in a Range Rover to the i54 business park.

Wearing a stunning Peter Enrie teal dress and coat with matching Rachel Trevor-Morgan hat, Her Majesty also carried one of her trademark Wal-sall-made Launer London handbags for the visit to Jaguar Land Rover's £500 million Engine Manufacturing Centre and International Security Printers.

Animated

Accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, the 88-year-old monarch was animated and cheery throughout both visits, which lasted nearly an hour apiece, chatting to senior managers, workers and schoolchildren.

At International Security Printers, Her Majesty was talked through the stamp-printing process, even removing one her leather gloves to feel the texture of a felt stamp, before seeing the presses run.

The Queen shared jokes with staff during a tour of the world-leading company, which produces stamps for 180 countries. She came face to face with her printed image and viewed historical stamps from the past 50 years.

The firm printed the stamps for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's wedding. She also looked at a forthcoming



The Royal party is given an introduction before their JLR tour

Royal Mail commission celebrating Inventive Britain, showcasing steel-making and the invention of the internet.

At JLR, she toured two parts of the factory, one where engine components are made and the other where they are assembled. She also met schoolchildren from Wednesfield High School, which specialises in engineering, and Brewood Middle School.

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IPS presented the Queen with a specially-commissioned, engraved metal plaque depicting the premises and a first class stamp.

After weeks of planning for the whistle-stop tour, IPS manufacturing standards manager Andrew Christie said the day had gone perfectly.

"We had a really fabulous day and it was a true honour to welcome the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh," he said.

"We're so pleased with how it all went. She was extremely interested in what we do here and seemed fascinated by the whole process."

Honour

"It was a privilege and an honour to welcome them to our new premises."

At Jaguar Land Rover, pupils from Brewood Middle School waved Union Flags to greet the Royal party.

She toured two manufacturing floors – one where the components of the super-efficient Ingenium engines are made, and another where they are assembled. The company holds the Royal Warrant as Manufacturers of Motor Vehicles, By Appointment from all three current grantors: HM The Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and HRH The Prince of Wales.

She officially opened both JLR and ISP and, along with the Duke, signed the visitors' books. A private lunch at Jaguar Land Rover capped off the historic visit.

The last time Her Majesty was in the region was to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee, when she visited RAF Cosford in 2012

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THERE were laughs and jeers when a Labour MP asked the Prime Minister what he was going to do to tighten up on immigration.

David Cameron kept his tone civil when answering Ian Austin during his weekly question time but insisted on reminding MPs about Labour's own record on that matter. There are, of course, Labour MPs who now acknowledge their party got it wrong on immigration.

Dudley North MP Mr Austin has been holding a series of public meetings and immigration is the topic that gets raised time and time again.

The reason it came to the fore again was because a minister called Nick Boles admitted the government could not control it.

While it was hardly something that would have been signed off by the Number 10 spin team, it was a statement that could have come from the Department of the Blindingly Obvious.

We're in the European Union. And there's the principle of free movement that means people from all its member states can come and go as they please. Our economy's growing, hence the £1.7 billion bill Brussels has slapped us with.

The choice then is to either come out of Europe, re-negotiate the rules on free movement or make Britain a less attractive place to be.

Reforming the benefits system so you can only get out-of-work benefits if you've paid in first by having had a job is a popular idea. So is charging foreign visitors to use the NHS.

Whether either will make a scrap of difference remains to be seen. It is not as though the benefits bill or the NHS's woes are issues that have solely arisen because of immigration.

Two Tory councillors have jumped ship, branding their old party's leadership out of touch. But unlike recent defections elsewhere, they've crossed the floor to Labour rather than run to UKIP.

Cheryl Billingham and Glenis Simms both represent wards in Dudley South, where the incumbent Conservative MP Chris Kelly is standing down. The pair are both up for re-election next May. In the press release sent out by Labour both lay in to their former party's leadership.

Councillor Simms also managed to refer to one of Ed Miliband's key campaign topics, what Labour calls the cost-of-living crisis. And in a particularly withering swipe she says: "As an ordinary working mother I no longer feel at home in David Cameron's Conservative party."

Councillor Simms and Councillor Billingham both seem to be struggling to defend their party's record in government.

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Saddened by plight of the elderly

IN response to the letter: council did not heed care home warning. Twenty two years ago I worked for Dudley Social Services in a care home, Dibdale in Dudley. When this closed, myself and other staff had the responsibility of trying to find alternative homes for 52 residents, which was traumatic for everyone concerned.

The closure of this home had a domino effect and, apart from Russells Hall and New Bradley Hall, the other homes closed. I voiced my opinion strongly that this would eventually result in dire consequences be-

cause the private sector often open residential homes mainly as a business. I warned that relying on community care would only provide a good service to vulnerable people if the care they received was given by adequately trained staff.

Everything that has happened has more than proved to me I knew exactly what I was talking about. It really saddens me that the care of older people in this country is so ineffective.

MARGARET POOLER
Kingswinford

Thank you to hospital staff

BOTH my wife and I would like to send our thanks to all of the staff, from the doctors to the carers, in all that you did for my step father James Carey who was in Ward C3 at Russells Hall.

James was admitted five weeks ago as an emergency patient with a very serious water infection that had poisoned his blood.

James has Alzheimer's. All of the staff were absolutely wonderful. Whatever they were asked to do, they did it almost immediately. Nothing was too much trouble for them.

All of the doctors were very understanding and took time answering any questions that were put to them.

James has returned to the care home in Kingswinford where he was before his illness. My wife and I will always be indebted to you.

B WHITEHOUSE

Kingswinford

No room for more migrants

SO the French interior minister has announced the creation of a new centre for migrants in Calais. He also said that there would be legal advice offered to migrants wanting to 'settle' in Britain in the completion of their applications.

A very short time ago I wrote about the £12 million our Government was giving to 'enhance security' at Calais. Now the French are overtly 'encouraging' these illegals in their attempts to get here.

Like I said before, bribery in the form of the 'Dangeld' payment only works for a very short time. Even so it is somewhat surprising that the French are acting in this way.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a very small place. We cannot take any more 'migrants'; we are full. Our Government should have told the French, and anyone else, sorry the 'migrants' are your responsibility.

They have no right to a family life here. No appeal.

M GOUGH
Wombourne

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Axing car tax disc is all about cutting jobs

MILLIONS of motorists are now being 'taken on trust' and do not have to display the little bit of paper on their windcreens to indicate that they have paid their road fund licence money.

Presumably thousands of the staff at the Swansea centre that dealt with the processing of these will have been made redundant. The success of this operation has been handed over to the police and other traffic control units.

Am I correct that the above is sheer logic? If so, can someone tell me how this scheme is going to pay for itself?

My wife and I make regular journeys to the Lake District to visit family. We very rarely see any patrolling

police cars and only occasionally traffic management vehicles.

On the motorway (M6) there are numerous traffic control cameras, so I suppose there is some control there.

But twice in the last few weeks, we have travelled through the Peak District, first to Penistone, north of Sheffield, then on this last Sunday to Thorpe, just north of Ashbourne. On both journeys we used the old 'A' roads, except for the return from Penistone, when we did use the M1/M6/M5, we saw only one patrolling police car during those journeys.

So how is this crazy scheme going to work?

P COLE
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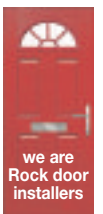
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IT was an advertisement in the Express & Star that was to change the life of Billy Wright.

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That season, 1937-38, they had won the First Division Championship – a feat that they were to equal the next year – and it would be a wonderful opportunity for any youngster who was good enough to be taken on by the club.

It was an opportunity recognised by Norman Simpson, Billy's teacher at Madeley Senior School. He spotted the advert and urged the talented youngster from Ironbridge in Shropshire to respond.

When Billy reached Molineux, disappointment met him. Major Buckley said he was too small to make the grade, but for some

MEMORY LANE

reason 20 minutes later this imposing man changed his mind and decided to give Billy chance by signing him as an apprentice on an eight-month trial.

That was all that Billy needed. Just 14-years old, he made his debut for Wolves in a B team, but he was not to stay a second stringer for long. A year later, he was chosen for the first team and aged 17, Billy signed as a professional but it was during the Second World War, and competitive football was limited – especially at Wolves.

On September 1, 1946, League football returned to England. The rain pelted down but it failed to dampen the keenness of spectators who had not seen a league match for six years.

Two years later, former captain Stan Cullis took charge as manager, and Billy Wright replaced him as leader on the field. Within a year, the club were runners-up

in the League and winners of the FA Cup for the first time in 41 years. The FA Cup triumph in 1949 came in a 3-1 victory over Leicester City at Wembley. That and finishing runners-up in the League were tremendous achievements by Cullis, who would go on to develop a memorable Wolves side.

The next few seasons were the most exciting in the history of the club. The team included other great names such as Bert Williams, Peter Broadbent, Johnny Hancock, and Ron Flowers.

In 1954 they won the League championship for the first time in the club's history, and became champions again in 1958 and 1959. This success was matched by outstanding performances against the best sides in Europe, where they defeated Honvéd, the Hungarian champions, 3-2 in one of the most exciting and exhilarating games of football ever seen in England. His outstanding performances led to an England call-up, and in 1948 he was made captain. Remarkably, he led the team 90 times – an all-time record that he shared with Bobby

Moore – and he was the first football player in the world to earn 100 caps.

Originally a wing-half, in 1954 Billy was made centre-half at the World Cup in Sweden by the manager, Walter Winterbottom.

Billy retired as a player in 1959. In all, he played 541 games for Wolves and 105 for England – which included a record run of 70 consecutive appearances. He went on to management and then became a television pundit and Head of Sport for ATV and Central Television.

Takeover

In 1990 he joined the board at Wolves as part of the takeover by Sir Jack Hayward and later had a stand named after him. Billy died in 1994. Two years later, a statue of him was erected in his honour outside Molineux, the home of his beloved Wolves.

Unequalled for his dedication, determination, loyalty, decency, consistency and unselfishness, Billy was a true Englishman. Walter Winterbottom got it right when he said that Billy Wright 'had a heart of oak'.



Hero's farewell – Billy's last match for Wolves in 1959

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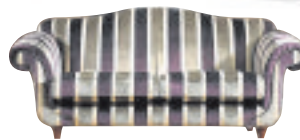


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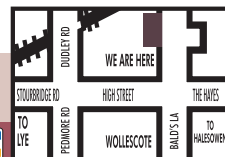
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Roadshow gathers family stories of war



Soldiers in First World War uniforms standing guard near Dudley Archives and Local History Centre

FAMILIES are being invited to share and discover the stories of their relatives during the First World War this weekend at the Great War Roadshow at the Dudley Archives and Local History Centre.

It is being hosted by Dudley Council and The Black Country Living Museum.

The roadshow will feature displays, costumed characters, life stories, photographs and souvenirs from the period and all relating to people from Dudley borough. People are also being asked to bring in their own First World War pictures and memorabilia to share their stories with war historians.

A programme of captivating Great War talks will be given at the event taking place on Saturday, from 10am to 4pm, at the centre in Tipton Road, next to The Black Country Living Museum.

Road works begin after a ten year campaign

WORK has begun on a £75,000 traffic calming scheme in Rowley Regis after concerned residents launched a petition.

Almost 150 people called for action as part of a ten year campaign to get the improvements implemented along Harvest Road.

Work began on Monday and improvements include new signage and speed humps as well as an illuminated sign which will activate during school mornings and leaving hours to warn motorists.

By Charlie Benton

Two new cycle lanes will also be implemented which it is thought will also slow drivers down.

Lee Bromley, who lives on the road and started the petition, said: "This is a victory in a very long running battle. I first became involved around ten years ago after my son Kurt was knocked over on the road when he was just eight."

"There have been several accidents since then and the road is just very dangerous. You can basically take for granted that there will be at least a few a year."

Earlier this year a car left the carriage way and ended

up on its roof in a garden.

Mr Bromley added: "There have been petitions to introduce road safety measures before, in fact Councillor Chris Tranter started one around four years ago when he was running for election but it never went anywhere. I think it does feel as though the accidents are becoming more commonplace and I think that was what gave it the final push."

Mr Bromley said although residents have been warned there will be disruption he believed it will be worth it.

"If it saves just one life it will be worth it," he added.

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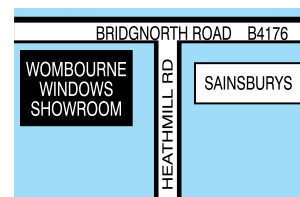
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£3m is being invested in training new nurses

THE recruitment of 40 extra nurses at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital has been welcomed by a local MP.

They are being recruited as part of a £3.1 million investment in staff.

The move comes after a graduate training programme was also launched by Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS foundation Trust to help fill a shortage. It's hoped the scheme will be provide 100 nurses.

As well as boosting nurse numbers, hospital bosses are hoping to reduce the need for expensive agency staff.

Hospital bosses have previously taken their recruitment drive overseas to help fill vacancies.

Care

The hospital trust is looking to recruit for the emergency department, the emergency assessment unit, short stay medical ward and in surgery, trauma, orthopaedics and elderly care.

A recruitment open day will take place on November 29.

Stourbridge MP Margot James, MP has welcomed the graduate trainee programme for nursing. In Parliament Ms James said: "The hospital's graduate programme has attracted 100 students, and will provide a long term source of trained nurses for the future. Front line staff at Russells Hall work incredibly hard, and I am very pleased that the government is recognising these improvements."

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "We need more amazing talented nurses to join our committed and dedicated staff. We've recently been investing in our nursing team and expanded our numbers with home-grown talent and some fabulous nurses from Europe. We are now opening our doors to tempt more nurses to come and join us."



More nurses are being recruited for Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley

Anti-flu spray for children

YOUNG children across Dudley are being offered a free nasal-spray flu vaccine this autumn.

Children aged two, three, or four will be offered the single-dose vaccine, which will continue to be available for people aged 65 or over.

The vaccination was introduced to the UK last year after it was used effectively in America for more than 10 years.

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Scheme to help solve family strife saves £40m

DUDLEY Council has saved more than £40 million helping troubled families turn their lives around.

More than 6,200 of these families across the region potentially costing taxpayers £468 million a year are being helped by local authorities and partners as part of a Government programme.

Troubled families are defined as those who are involved in youth crime or anti-social behaviour, have children who are regularly truanting and have an adult on out-of-work benefits. Across the Black Country, 4,850 families are labelled as such.

In Dudley the £40m, has been saved by helping 536 of its 740 identified families.

Dudley Council was granted £2,000 per family and is one of only two authorities in the West Midlands to be awarded more funding towards its programme. Around 750 families were offered help during the first two years of the scheme and now the authority has revealed that it hopes to support a further 2,500.

The council will reach out to families with a broader range of problems including domestic violence and abuse with younger children who

By Jordan Harris

need help and a range of physical and mental health problems.

The Government says these families cost the public sector an estimated average of £75,000 per year. Government data collected in October and November 2011 estimated that £9bn is spent annually on troubled families.

Secretary of State Eric Pickles said: "The Troubled Families programme demonstrates exactly what our long-term economic plan means for people: new opportunities for families to turn their lives around and make something of themselves."

The programme was launched in the wake of the 2011 riots.

Bev in annual gig to raise cash for charity



Bev Pegg and his Good Time Jazz Gang will be performing in aid of charities at Hagley this weekend

BLACK Country musician Bev Pegg will be performing at an annual charity event aimed at helping the staff behind a food service which helps needy families.

Top clarinetist and saxophonist Zoltan Sagi is appearing at Hagley Community Centre on Saturday alongside Pegg and his Good Time Jazz Gang.

The Rotary Club of Stourbridge is hosting the event with cash raised helping the Black Country Food Bank together with other rotary charities.

Pegg, from Halesowen, and his jazz band have been performing at this function every autumn since 1998.

The event takes place from 7.30pm at the community centre, off Worcester Lane, Hagley, near Stourbridge.

Pegg will be singing, playing guitar and banjo, alongside his line-up musicians.

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Store's ex-owner is prosecuted

A FORMER grocery store owner has been prosecuted after health inspectors discovered a series of hygiene failings.

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Health officers carried out an inspection of the shop in September 2013 and found problems ranging from a lack of hand-washing facilities to dirty refrigerators and doors.

The shop received a hygiene rating of zero.

Sangra was fined £2,000, ordered to pay costs of £1,486.50 and a victim surcharge of £120. The court heard Sangra no longer runs the business.

Choir and orchestra in war music concert



A smile from Sylvia Cooper during choir rehearsals



Sara Clymo and Jim Pearman take part in orchestra rehearsals

A MUSICAL society in Stourbridge is tuning up for a special concert to commemorate the First World War.

Stourbridge Choir and Orchestra, which is celebrating its 130th anniversary this year, will hold the event at the Furnace Theatre in Amblescote on Saturday, November 15.

The group, which performs up to three shows a year, usually holds a pre-Christmas show but chairwoman Mollie Berry said the group felt a memorial performance would be more appropriate. The choir and orchestra has around 60 members and Mrs Berry, who plays the orchestral timpani, said she has been performing with them for over 40 years.

"I haven't missed a performance in all that time, we are all very dedicated," Mrs Berry said. "We are also very inclusive. If you want to have a good time then come along."

The show includes popular music from the trenches as well as a special piece commissioned by Black Country composer Bob Birch called 'Black Country Recollections'. Mrs Berry said audience members are welcome to attend in Edwardian or military dress. Tickets £10 can be bought on (01384) 373111 or at Music Matters, High Street.

Free insulation for borough residents

DUDLEY Council is offering free loft and cavity wall insulation to homeowners in the borough as part of its Winter Warmth service.

The offer is being funded through the government's Energy Company Obligation, which means that electricity and gas suppliers have to help homes become more energy efficient and to reduce carbon emissions.

The funding is on offer for a limited time. Homeowners do not need to be receiving benefits and simply need to be a resident in Dudley borough.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, cabinet member for housing, said: "I would encourage borough homeowners to get in touch with the Winter Warmth service to claim their free loft and wall insulation. This insulation can save the average household up to £250 per year on heating bills."

The council's Winter Warmth service can be contacted on (01384) 817086.

Plans aim to build Co-op store on pub car park site

A CONVENIENCE store could be built on part of a pub car park in Wordsley after Marstons released land to a developer.

More than 200 premises were sold by the pub giant to New River Retail in a reported £90m deal last year.

Now plans have emerged for part of the car park outside the Ashwood Inn, off Sandringham Place, to be developed.

A notice has been installed at the pub to announce the plans but a formal application has

yet to be tabled to Dudley Council. It comes as ward councillors called for more details over the store which would be near a shopping parade.

Ward councillors have been working to fill empty stores in Sandringham Place with three shops vacant.

Councillor Paul Brothwood has also recently raised the issue of rubbish gathered around the rear of the shops. He has welcomed news of new jobs which the store could bring but urged bosses to look again at the scheme.

Concerns over problems with parking have also been raised if spaces within the car park are

lost. "They have not consulted with the locals over this scheme which I have concerns about," he said.

"I have no objections to the Co-op store as such, especially with bringing in new jobs. But I would ask them to consider whether there could be a redevelopment of the shops too.

Fellow ward councillor Derrick Hemingsley, added: "When they put the application in I would say that rather than building another shop in the area I would hope they would consider utilising the existing shops."

Support supply for power grid

A SMALL-SCALE electricity plant could be built in Dudley to support supply in the region, under new plans.

UK Power Reserve want to operate four gas-fuelled engine generators on land behind Jewson timber yard off Pedmore Road.

In a planning application by the Solihull firm, it says the generators would be turned on when supply on the National Grid was short. Bosses claim the plant will not generate any noise or emissions.

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Children's services at centre of council clash

DUDLEY Council was accused of "lacking leadership" in a stormy meeting over £27 million worth of cuts.

Draft budget proposals including a rise in burial fees and streets and parks being maintained less often, were approved by the decision-making cabinet last week.

The cuts equal £27m of the £57m in savings the council needs to find by 2017/18 and put around 300 jobs at risk.

In a bad-tempered meeting, Councillor Patrick Harley, leader of the Conservative opposition, said the council should consider using different ways of delivering its services to help make the all-important savings, pointing to a £1m overspend in children's social services.

"Time and time again we are being told it is out of control. Families and children will need help from the authority and this is not being addressed," Councillor Harley said.

"The figures change every time we have a cabinet meeting. We are told that it is not a problem but it's clear that things need to change. There is a complete lack of leadership."

Councillor Harley suggested that cabinet members would "pass the buck" to council officers.

But Councillor Tim Crumpton, children's services boss, said: "There will be no passing of the buck, quite the opposite, as we will work very hard with the officers to make sure we keep the children safe."

"From July to September there were 373 children in 229 families referred to social services, a rise of 100 compared to the previous three months. That is what we have to deal with. There were 269 children who had further investigations, and less than 10 per cent of these children have actually been taken into care."



Councillors meet to discuss cuts to spending on services in Dudley

Homes bid at social club site

PLANS for a derelict social club to be demolished and replaced with new homes have been welcomed by a Dudley councillor.

Plans have been submitted to Dudley Council for 16 homes to be built on the side of the Woodside Liberal Club, on Stourbridge Road.

Closed

The club has been closed for a number of years and Councillor Will Duckworth, who represents the Netherton,

Woodside and St Andrew's ward, said he would be pleased to see the site re-developed.

He said: "It's been empty for quite some time now, I would say four or five years. That sort of brownfield site is exactly the sort of site we should be using to put new houses on if we need to. It's just a shame they're not council houses."

"As long as there is sufficient car parking spaces, I would support the application in principle."



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Composer's work wins a full orchestra performance

A MUSICIAN who composed an orchestral piece about Wren's Nest nature reserve in Dudley has seen his composition played by a full orchestra after winning a competition.

Louis Clark, 43, from Hall Green, composed a piece of music about the reserve for the first Andrew Downes Composers Competition.

The prize winner was played by the Central England Ensemble orchestra at a concert at Old Swinford Hospital School on Sunday, alongside pieces from legendary composers such as Tchaikovsky.

Mr Clark, who graduated from the Birmingham Conservatoire in 1999, said: "To have my piece played by a full orchestra, as any composer will tell you, is amazing. It is difficult and expensive to get a full orchestra together so this prize means the world to me."

"I first heard about the competition last year and I had ideas straight away - I love Wren's Nest so I wanted to write something that was inspired by that."

Mr Clark said he found out his piece had been shortlisted in July and it was announced as the winner at an event earlier this month.

"My piece was in the running against two other composers and their contributions were excellent," he said. "The audience and judges voted and when they announced my name it was incredible."



Louis Clark from Hall Green had his composition performed by the central England ensemble

Yorkshire bath firm opens showroom

A BATHROOM supplies company has opened its first showroom outside Yorkshire in Stourbridge creating two jobs.

Easy Bathrooms has signed a lease for a 6,997 sq ft unit at The Stourbridge Estate, off the ring road, after agreeing a 10-year lease with landlords London & Cambridge Properties.

The company, which has Easy Bathrooms outlets in Huddersfield, Wakefield, and Sheffield, as well as the Luxury Bathroom Studio in Leeds and Huddersfield, has been looking to expand into the Midlands for some time. It settled on Stourbridge after identifying that the area would benefit from an independent, one-stop-shop for bathroom supplies, which includes its own range and well-known brands such as Heritage, Imperial and Utopia.

Two members of staff have been employed to work in the showroom and it is looking to take on a further two in the warehouse.

Offices fill up after £590,000 restoration

A £590,000 project which has seen the restoration of buildings in Dudley town centre has create spaces for 45 jobs.

Elizabeth House, Holloway Chambers and Holloway Hall, all in Priory Street have been restored and the office units within them have now been snapped up.

The offices are now home to businesses such building surveyors, a photographer, a software company and healthcare professionals.

Restoration work was carried out as part of Dudley Council's Townscape Heritage Initiative. The buildings sit in the town's civic quarter, which is also a conservation area and were sensitively restored to maintain the historic feel while creating modern office space.

The revamp was funded by the council with the support of a grant from the Dudley Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI).

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "I am really pleased that there is a demand in Dudley for this high quality office space as proved by the fact we have full occupancy in our sympathetically restored buildings."

The works to the buildings, which date back to 1908 and feature early Edwardian architecture, included external repairs and the full internal refurbishment of Elizabeth House which had remained derelict for a number of years and also refurbishment of the nearby Holloway Chambers. Work also included disabled access improvements.

As part of the same scheme, Dudley's Fountain

by Heather Large

Arcade shopping precinct is also being restored.

Hidden architectural details have been uncovered already by the works on the arcade, which is locally listed.

The Fountain Arcade, which stretches from Tower Street to the market place, dates back to 1925. Many of its original art deco features will be restored.

The Albion pub building, now a hair salon and a cafe, in Stone Street is also in line for a £163,000 revamp.

Work includes repairs to windows in the project due to be completed later this year.

This scheme joins projects at Bogarts hair and beauty on Wolverhampton Street, Baylies Hall in Tower Street, Charlton House in New Street and at the old Co-op building in High Street.

It follows the wider regeneration of the town through the recent Dudley College developments and the ongoing work which is now under way at Castle Hill.

The £6 million overhaul of Dudley Market is also taking place and is due to be finished next year.

Numbers soaring for children in care

THE NUMBER of children being taken into care in Dudley is soaring - leading to a predicted £1 million shortfall in the cash-strapped council's coffers.

Dudley Council is expecting to overspend its children's services budget for the current financial year.

Bosses had predicted the number of 'looked after children' would fall after reaching record highs during the recession. But latest figures show that more children are being taken into care, despite action to reduce numbers by offering additional support to struggling families.

The number of children has gone up to 772 as of the end of last month. Back in 2010, the figure was 480.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services, said: "Nationally there is an increasing demand on services and costs around looked after children and by the very nature of the work it is very difficult to make predictions in order to forecast budgets."

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Artist books in her inspirational works at library



Artist Natalie Perry, left, and library assistant Sophie Norton with the four new murals

THERE is an added touch of fantasy at Stourbridge Library after an artist donated four out-of-this-world murals for its children's section.

Natalie Perry, from Wollaston, had wanted to help spruce up the walls for several years but it was not until its refurbishment as part of the Crown Centre development she was given the go-ahead.

She hopes the four paintings – which were unveiled last week – will inspire the next generation of bookworms.

Process

The project has proved to be a labour of love for the 29-year-old, with the whole process from design to creation taking two years.

She said: "It started with workshops I put on where we got the community to come in. We had children with their parents and a few adults on their own."

"I asked them what were their favourite books and what were their favourite parts of books."

"We also asked them why it was they came into the library, took inspiration from

By Rob Cox

what came out and then pieced together the four murals."

Each mural is centred on a different setting including a dark woodland, an underwater scene and winter.

The fourth, fiery image includes a Hobbit-inspired dragon, one of several characters taken from popular children's books.

It has been very much a family project for Natalie – a part-time art technician at King Edward VI College, Stourbridge – with husband and fellow artist Luke helping to cut the boards and a baby girl arriving just a few months after work began.

She added: "I have had to find time whenever I could over the last year. I've been working in nap times and bed times."

"I hope my work will make the space feel more happy. They are all colourful and bright and should help liven up the space."

"What would be really great would be if the children started to pick their favourite characters from those on display."

It is not the first time the Perry family has helped out at the library, with Luke responsible for the artwork at the entrance to the building.

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The Legion's Ken Finch, right, with Steve Waltho, Ian Austin, Shaz Saleem, veteran Gordon Willetts and Dave Tyler

A SLICE of £4,600 raised for charities by a group of Dudley walkers who trekked to the top of Ben Nevis has been handed to the Royal British Legion.

In total £800 was given to the Legion at the Bert Bissell Memorial Stone in the town's Coronation Gardens. The money was raised during the Bert Bissell Memorial Walk which saw Dudley North MP Ian Austin scale Britain's highest mountain with a group of civic leaders from the borough in August.

Mr Bissell, who lived from 1902 to 1998, founded the Young Men's Bible Class at Vicar Street, Dudley. He was a probation officer and climbed Ben Nevis on VJ Day in 1945, and many times afterwards, building a peace cairn on its summit. He climbed the mountain 107 times and his final climb was done when he was in his 90s.

Deputy Mayor Councillor Steve Waltho said: "It is no easy feat climbing all 4,400 ft of Ben Nevis and it makes you appreciate just what Bert Bissell did even more. Every time we felt tired we thought of Bert and how he completed it in his 90s."



Bert Bissell on his last Ben Nevis climb

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Charity for animals is talk subject

Coven WI

THE October meeting was well supported. The president welcomed all visitors, Jerusalem was sung and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.

The correspondence was read and members brought up to date with county events.

The president then introduced Sian Beech, representing the PDSA. She has been giving talks for 10 years and is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker.

The PDSA was founded in 1917 and from humble beginnings has grown into a national treasure which is funded by voluntary contributions and is a lifeline to a nation of animal lovers.

A film was shown that captured the essence of the work carried out by the PDSA which is primarily the prevention of animal illnesses, treatment and education of owners.

Members were informed of the PDSA Dickin Medal that is given to animals displaying conspicuous gallantry to duty while serving with the armed forces or Civil Defence Units, and the PDSA Gold Medal rewards civilian acts of animal bravery.

It was an enjoyable interesting presentation and Sian was happy to answer any questions.

Refreshments followed a competition and raffle.

On November 11 at Coven Memorial Hall at 7.30pm, the group welcomes Michelle Mcinerney who presents 'home-made scented candles'.

Guest speaker Bill draws on experience

Chairman's quiz is thought-provoking

Quarry Bank E TWG

VERA Raybould chaired the October meeting. There were 20 members in attendance in spite of the inclement weather and all received a very warm welcome.

The meeting proceeded in the usual way with the reading and signing of last month's minutes and the treasurer's report. Letters were received re: Christmas activities, a charity morning in the Mayor's Parlour, a cheese and wine evening at Dudley Council House and the Civic Carol Service at St Mark's Church, Pensnett.

There will also be Christmas celebrations at St Thomas' Church, Market Street, Stourbridge on December 13. This event is open to the public.

Social Secretary Mrs Whittle gave information regarding the visit to The

Lodge, Wellington Road, Dudley, on November 12, and also the Christmas dinner to be held at The Fox, Enville.

Details of the menu for this meal were circulated and members noted their preferences. Transport will be available.

Business concluded, Mrs Raybould entertained everyone with a quite thought-provoking quiz which gave rise to much memory searching. The ladies were then invited to search for bargains on a well stocked sales table.

At the next meeting on November 18, the speaker will be Elizabeth Dowthwaite and her subject 'Christmas flowers'. The evening ended as usual with tea and biscuits.

Wolverhampton Women's Luncheon Club

THERE were 73 members present at the October 22 meeting, held at the The Linds, Tettenhall Road.

In addition to the 12 guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Wolverhampton as well as the speaker, Bill Tidy MBE.

His talk was entitled "Famous women in History - and those who were just as great, but only The Missus".

He began by saying that drawings are the oldest form of communication and proceeded to sketch scenes from history. Bill illustrated all these stories with amusing comments and each story ended with a previously drawn humorous picture showing the end of the story.

The chairman thanked Bill for his entertaining talk and for sharing his humour with the club.

The chairman announced that her chosen charity would be the National Memorial Arboretum and said the club was intending to purchase a tree featuring a plaque, the Wolverhampton City Coat of Arms, for which the mayor has granted permission.

Guild wants more members

Hawne TWG

THE October meeting began with the reading out of the last meeting's minutes, the treasurer's report and suggestions about future outings.

All present agreed September's Harvest Supper was very enjoyable. It was also mentioned again that more committee and guild members were desperately needed.

The speaker was Ashley Adams on 'old bags in the attic', which was an amusing

talk about luggage around the Edwardian era and the objects which were vital to travel with for the upper classes, including a kettle, tea service, iron and curling tongs.

Ashley also had a copy of an old passport which consisted of just one piece of paper. Ashley was articulate and her subject fascinating.

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Voluntary groups could be asked to run services

VOLUNTARY groups could be drafted in to help run some youth services in the Black Country in a bid to cut costs.

Dudley Council is to slash £200,000 from the budget and youth worker positions are at risk.

Children's services boss Councillor Tim Crumpton said the council was looking at how voluntary groups could take on services such as helping young people with disabilities.

Councils across the region have slashed their budgets for youth services.

Walsall Council announced last week that it would be getting rid of £2 million from its budget which will lead to a cut in services, while children's centres in the borough will also close.

Some 30 youth centres in Wolverhampton closed down earlier this year due to council cuts.

Protesters

Councillor Crumpton's comments came after a crowd of protesters gathered outside Dudley Council House as part of a campaign against the proposed cuts to the borough's youth services.

Representatives from unions Unite, Unison and GMB were part of those present on Friday as well as volunteers who work at various youth services in the area.

Dan Millard, a Unite rep, said: "We have taken and suffered these cuts for four years now."

"This is the final straw. They are talking about getting rid of universal services and all that will remain is one centre so every other place will lose out."

"Over 1,000 young people will not have access to these services anymore. The bottom line is that we do not want any cuts at all."

The proposals could see cuts of up to £200,000 from youth services and the loss of around 50 per cent of part time youth workers. The protesters said they hoped to reopen a dialogue.

Dumped kittens need home



Pauline Temple-Jones, who has been fostering kittens, is seen with two of the rescued felines from Sedgley Beacon

HOMES are needed for two kittens found abandoned at the top of Sedgley Beacon.

The kittens were found on the hill three weeks ago by a walker.

Now cat fosterer Pauline Temple-Jones, from Upper Gornal, is calling for help to find new homes for the kittens.

She said: "I couldn't believe both the kittens were found alone at the top of the beacon."

"There are no homes nearby and

they came running to the walker who found them, so I presume they had been dumped not long before."

"They wouldn't have survived long on their own in the wet and cold up there for sure."

After the kittens were delivered to her, Ms Temple-Jones has had them checked over by a vet.

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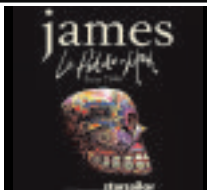
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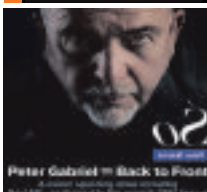
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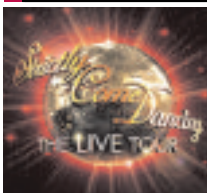
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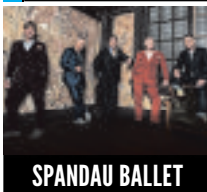
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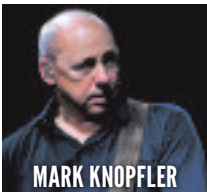
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Art show to help children



Artist Pascale Bigot at her home which she is opening as a temporary gallery to help educate children in Nigeria

LANDSCAPE paintings, vases and jewellery are just some of the creations an artist will be displaying in a charity open day at her home next week.

French artist Pascale Bigot is hosting the annual exhibition at her Stourbridge house from November 14 to 16.

There will be more than 70 paintings, plus other items for sale by the 51-year-old who settled in Stourbridge with her husband around 20 years ago.

Mrs Bigot is raising money for five children attending a school in Nigeria through charity Grain de Sable.

Her home exhibitions, which have been running for more than 12 years and have helped educate dozens of children. She began her charity work after seeing poverty-stricken children while on a holiday in Nigeria.

There will be free entry for the event at 70 Worcester Street. Money will be raised through sales.

New firms vie for awards

THREE West Midlands businesses, including a firm from near Stourbridge, are finalists in the Startups Awards 2014.

The national awards are for companies that have been trading for no more than three years.

Eyespace Eyewear in Broome has been shortlisted in the women in business category. Founders Julie and Jayne Abel are currently the only female managing directors of a

UK-based optical brand. It was also named a finalist in the product business of the year category.

Wednesbury-based F-Board, founded by Alister Gower, has put to market the world's first ecologically sustainable scaffold material made from recycled uPVC windows. It has been named a finalist in the crowd-funded business of the year.

Birmingham same-day courier company Diamond Logistics, run by Julian Westwood, is shortlisted in franchisee of the year.

All three companies are hoping to

win one of 15 trophies up for grabs at Kensington Roof Gardens, London, on November 27.

Judges, including entrepreneurs, chief executives and managing directors of some of the country's most successful companies, chose the line up and will also select the overall winners.

The main prize is the title of Simply Business Startups business of the year.

There is also a People's Champion award will go to one of 50 companies that made the long list of outstanding entrants.

'Bomber' Brown is grateful for statue

ALBION legend Tony 'Bomber' Brown has spoken of his excitement ahead of the unveiling of his statue at the Hawthorns.

The bronze sculpture — to be unveiled on today (Thursday) — will take pride of place outside the East Stand to honour his unstinting 20-year service to West Bromwich Albion.

Tony spoke about the statue at the opening of the new club store in Queens Square, West Bromwich, on Friday.

He said: "There will be some ex-players there, some fans and my family, so I'm really looking forward to the whole occasion."

"When the chairman first told me I was overwhelmed. I'm very thankful for what is truly a great honour."

"I came straight out of school when I was just 15. Not for a minute did I think this moment would come after so many years. I couldn't have expected anything like this would happen."

Between 1961 and 1981, Brown made 720 appearances for the Baggies, scoring 279 goals, both of which remain club records. He also helped the club win the League Cup in 1966, the FA Cup in 1968 and promotion back to the top flight in 1976 before being part of club's hugely exciting team of the late 1970s.

The statue, created by renowned sculptor Jonathan Wylder, has been two years in the making.

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Revamped community hub remembers a former mayor

A COMMUNITY centre in Dudley has had major refurbishment work. Thomas Dudley carried out the work at St Thomas' network in Beechwood Road. They redecorated the centre's main hall and committee room, as well as improving several smaller rooms.

The main hall was named after Thomas Dudley, while the committee room was named after former Dudley Councillor Cyril Woodall.

Former Mayor of Dudley, Mr Woodall, died last year aged 83 after a political career spanning more than 30 years. His two nieces Margaret Silvester and Val Parish cut the ribbon watched by Martin Dudley and Hugh McCorquodale, of Thomas Dudley, and centre manager Jennifer Gregory. Councillor Steve Waltho, chairman of the board of trustees, said: "We are so grateful for the company's work. They have done an amazing job sprucing up the entire centre."

"Due to constraints over funding we are at a stage where we have to self-fund ourselves as best as possible. Support from outside businesses is just what we need."

"I'm optimistic about the centre's future but we would always like to see new groups and faces."

The network was set up more than 20 years ago to boost community spirit in a deprived area of Dudley. It provides training in English and on computers. There is a youth club and a nursery at the site.



Maragaret Silvester and Val Parish with Martin Dudley, Hugh McCorquodale, and manager Jennifer Gregory

Former leader of the council has new role

THE former leader of Dudley Council Les Jones has made a return to front bench politics as shadow cabinet member for children's services. He has replaced former Conservative Councillor Glenis Simms who crossed the divide to join the opposition Labour group last week.

Councillor Jones had stepped away from Dudley's Conservative group in May 2013 only to return a year later. He also ran as the Conservative candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner candidate for the West Midlands. Now the Pedmore and Stourbridge East Ward representative will be in direct opposition to Councillor Tim Crumpton.

Councillor Jones said: "I'm looking to get my teeth into children's services because the direction Labour is going is a concern. As a former leader of the council I had to cast my eye over a number of services and children's services was certainly one."

He also gave his reaction to Councillor Simms' defection, saying: "It was a shock. It's disappointing."

Success for crackdown on rogue landlords

A CRACKDOWN on rogue landlords who offer poor quality homes in Dudley has been hailed a success. The 'problem properties programme', run by Dudley Council and West Midlands Police, aims to tackle a range of issues.

It includes taking action against property owners who have sub-divided properties in multiple bedsits without relevant permission.

As a result of the operation, which started last year, a number of benefit claims have been withdrawn and notices have been served on five properties for unauthorised change of use.

The programme has also resulted in a prosecution for failure to comply with enforcement notices and a landlord fined £12,000.

Guilty

Latif Rehman, of Lordwood Road, Birmingham, pleaded guilty to 14 offences, including not being licensed as a private landlord.

In relation to the property he owned at 160 Wolverhampton Street in Dudley, Rehman admitted a string of offences for failing to comply with the Housing Act 2004.

These included failing to ensure fire escapes were not obstructed and failing to ensure fixtures, fittings and electrical appliances were safely maintained.

In mitigation, 55-year-old Rehman told the court a number of both troublesome and vulnerable people had been living in the property.

He said he had discovered as many as five people living in some of the rooms and

By Heather Large

when he had confronted the tenants he had been threatened with violence and had to call the police.

The court also heard that the landlord had done little to co-operate with the local authority in relation to issues at the property, despite requests for it to be brought up to standards, which led to a request for a warrant to enter the premises.

Councillor Judy Foster said: "This operation proves what can be achieved when we work together to create a more efficient and effective enforcement process."

The operation has seen council enforcement officers combine closely with benefit fraud, building control and private-sector housing teams.

The scheme has been shortlisted for a national planning award.

The winner will be announced on November 18.

Sergeant Rob Simpson of West Midlands Police said:

"This work has been carried out to ensure landlords provide both a suitable and appropriate level of accommodation for any tenants."

Brewery gets its own brand of scratchings

A DUDLEY brewery has launched its own brand of pork scratchings to complement its beers.

The Holden's Scratchings will be sold at all of its pubs. They are already on sale in the shops at the Hopden Brewery, off Sedgley Road West, Woodsetton. The 100 gramme bags cost £1.20 in the shop, which also sells Holden's bottled ales.

Managing director Jonathan Holden said they so far were stocked in about 10 of the brewery's pubs. They are being made for Holden's by Tipton-based KVE. It is the first time we have had our own brand of scratchings. We thought it would be something a bit different," said Mr Holden.

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Hands showing up at Town Hall

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Folk legends Steve Knightley and Phil Beer are among the most respected musicians on the folk/acoustic circuit.

Following a nine-month break working on solo projects the act is now touring for the first time this year. Tickets are £19.50 and show starts 7.30pm.

Please note, anyone hoping to see folk orchestra Bellowhead celebrating their 10th anniversary will now be disappointed as Symphony Hall Birmingham gig is sold out.

Fakers to Faces with classic rock

THERE is a gig for fans of 1970s rock band The Faces tonight (Thursday) at the Robin 2 in Bilston.

The group was formed in 1969 by members of London Mod band The Small Faces (Ronnie Lane, Ian McLagan and Kenney Jones), having recruited guitarist Ronnie Wood and singer Rod Stewart.

The concert features tributes to the Small Faces, The Faces and to Humble Pie, the band formed by the other former Small Face Steve Marriott. Performing will be the Small Fakers, Humble Lie and The Faces Experience. Tickets are £12.50 or £15 on the door. Call 01902 401211.

Blizzard warning as Slava's Snowshow rolls into theatre

Mr and Mrs in star roles

A PAIR of newly-weds will take to the stage to star opposite each other for the first time as a married couple in a production of the musical Mack & Mabel at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

Adam and Liz Compton will take the leads as Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand in the story of how Keystone Cops director Mack fell in love with Mabel and made her a star during the golden age of Hollywood.

Mr and Mrs Compton have performed together once before as the Cratchits in A Christmas Carol in 2012, but this will be the first time the couple take the lead together in a Cradley Heath Amateur Operatic Society show.

They married at Himley Hall in July this year.

Mack & Mabel will run at Brierley Hill Civic Hall from November 11 to 15. Tickets are £14 and can be bought from the box office on 0121 585 7380.



Newly-weds Adam and Liz Compton get ready to play opposite each other in Mack & Mabel

BIRMINGHAM is braced for a blizzard when Slava's Snowshow rolls into Birmingham Hippodrome on Wednesday, November 12, for a five day stay.

It is a unique production designed for the entire family. It is a combination of clowning and visual spectacle that invites audiences to enter a dream-like world, in which a cobweb envelops the audience and one tiny piece of paper begins a stunning blizzard.

This production is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its UK debut. Its third visit to Birmingham marks the beginning of its new UK tour and a Christmas season at London's Royal Festival Hall following three previous sell-outs. The show has now been seen by more than three million people in 30 countries.

Slava's Snowshow is performed by a world-renowned company of clowns formed by Russian 'clown prince' Slava Polunin, who was influenced by artists such as Chaplin, Marcel Marceau and great Russian clown Leonid Engbarov. Slava and his company have taken clowning to a new level.

Other theatre highlights include: Philip Glass opera The Trial, based on the novel by Franz Kafka, at Birmingham Repertory Theatre on Monday for one night only.

It is followed at The Rep by Shakespeare's Othello given a progressive makeover by Frantic Assembly



Now that's a snow ball from November 12 to 14.

Peter James thriller The Perfect Murder is being brought to the stage by Olivier Award winning director Ian Talbot at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday. It features Thomas Howes from Downton Abbey with Dawn Steele from Wild At Heart.

There's a musical alternative at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre where West End tribute to Michael Jackson, Thriller Live, will have fans dancing in the aisles from Tuesday to Saturday.

Cooper coming to the Red Lion

RED Lion Folk Club in King's Heath, Birmingham have a great line up of musicians for the coming month.

On November 12 Ray Cooper comes to the venue with Louisa Davies-Poley & Jason Sparkes as support.

Tickets are £11, the prices advertised on the website are for members', non-members who book online will pay £12 plus 10% transaction fee.

Scottish guitar virtuoso Ewan McLennan will be bringing the sounds of his new album Stories Still Untold to the venue on November 19. McLennan will be supported by Froot Street. Tickets are again £11. All shows are on Wednesdays, doors open 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start.

Colvin to play the Newhampton

THE Newhampton Folk Club's monthly guest is the Gerry Colvin Band.

The show is in the upper room of the Newhampton Inn, Riches Street, Whitmore Reans and starts at 8.30pm. Colvin will be supported by Pete Shirley and Esther Brennan. Tickets are £10 in advance or £12 on the door.

Winter Wilson will be at Brewood Acoustic Music Club, at Brewood Cricket Club on Thursday November 13. Show starts 8.30pm.

Tom Patterson & Dave Morton play Willenhall Folk & Acoustic Club on the 26th at 8.30pm at New Invention Victory Club.

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Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2014 (BBC1, 9.10pm)

It's time to pay tribute to the brave men who fought in the two world wars and more recent conflicts. Of course, with this year marking the centenary of the First World War, the festivities are all the more significant. Tonight, Huw Edwards hosts this annual event from the Royal Albert Hall, which sees the Queen and other members of the royal family in attendance. Joss Stone, the cast of War Horse and D-Day veteran Jim Radford perform alongside the Massed Bands of the Household Division, and the bands of HM Royal Marines and Queen's Colour Squadron. There will also be a two-minute silence, with thousands of poppy petals falling from the venue's ceiling.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.45** The Lord Mayor's Show 2014. **12.10** BBC News: Weather. **12.20** Football Focus. **1.10** Rugby League: Four Nations Highlights. **2.00** Live International Rugby Union. Wales v Australia (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News: Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities Winter Special. **6.30** **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman present another round of dancing action as the twinkle-toed celebrities compete to avoid ending up in the bottom two – and to add to the tension, the losing pair will miss out on performing at the world-famous Blackpool Tower Ballroom next week. Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcy Bussell are the ones to impress as the hopefuls perform a mixture of routines. The results are tomorrow at 7.45pm.

8.00 **Doctor Who.** Part two of two. As Cybermen roam the streets of London, old friends unite in the battle against evil. But the Doctor soon realises that sacrifices must be made. Last in the series.

9.00 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin reveals the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.10 **Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2014.** Huw Edwards presents coverage of the annual event from the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of the Queen and other members of the royal family. Joss Stone, the cast of War Horse and D-Day veteran Jim Radford perform alongside the Massed Bands of the Household Division, and the bands of HM Royal Marines and the Queen's Colour Squadron. Together they pay tribute to the victims of conflict, from the First World War to the present day, in a festival that also includes the traditional two-minute silence as thousands of poppy petals fall from the venue's ceiling.

10.45 BBC News: Weather.

11.00 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Liverpool v Chelsea at Anfield and Manchester United v Crystal Palace at Old Trafford; National Lottery Update.

12.20 The Football League Show. **1.00** Film: Steel. (2002) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Animal Park. (R) **6.30** Rugby League: Four Nations. **9.20** The Indestructible Warship, Tanzania – World War 1, Beyond the Trenches. **9.25** The Private Life of Plants. (R) **10.15** Map Man. (R) **10.45** James Martin: Home Comforts. **11.15** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **12.15** Astaire and Rogers Sing George and Ira Gershwin. (R) **12.30** Film: That's Entertainment! III. (1994) **2.20** Film: Easter Parade. (1948) **4.00** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Live International Rugby Union. Scotland v Argentina (Kick-off 5.30pm).

7.30 **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring and the platoon welcome the first American troops to Walmington-on-Sea, but Anglo-US relations become strained. Classic comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

8.00 **The Great War – An Elegy: A Culture Show Special.** In a major new BBC commission, poet Simon Armitage has written poems about the First World War that form the centre of this documentary. He visits French beaches, German POW camps, so-called "thankful" villages and remote corners of the Highlands as he considers the deaths of more than 700,000 British soldiers in the conflict, telling seven real-life war stories – each of which culminates in a poem inspired by the writer's research. Featuring readings by both Armitage himself and relatives of those whose tales he brings to life.

9.00 **Formula 1: The Brazilian Grand Prix – Qualifying.** Action from Interlagos. Suzi Perry presents the battle for pole at Interlagos in Sao Paulo, ahead of the 18th and penultimate round of the season. Sebastian Vettel was the fastest qualifier here last year, and it came as little surprise to see the Red Bull driver go on to dominate the race.

10.30 **QI XL.** Extended edition. The Rev Richard Coles, Sara Pascoe, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies try to answer host Stephen Fry's questions on L-themed larks – a "Lbibable", as he calls it.

11.15 **TOTP2.** Mark Radcliffe introduces performances by KC and the Sunshine Band, Everything but the Girl, the Jam, Robert Palmer, Neneh Cherry, Jilted John and Lisa Hannigan. (R)

12.15 Film: Walkabout. (1971) **1.50** Film: Harlequin. (1980) **3.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** The Munch Box. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Storage Heisters. (R) **12.30** Surprise Surprise. (R) **1.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.15** Doc Martin. (R) **3.20** Keep It in the Family. (R) **4.20** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell.

6.05 **Regional Programme:** Weather.

6.15 **ITV News:** Weather.

6.30 **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a selection of videos filmed by viewers, featuring memorable pregnancy reactions, a dog ruining a living room, and a grandmother performing a striptease.

7.00 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Comedian Sanjeev Bhaskar, Commonwealth sprinting gold medalist Libby Clegg, singer Alexandra Burke and cricket commentator Henry Blofeld play for charity. Bradley Walsh hosts.

8.00 **The X Factor.** The would-be chart stars perform hits from the back catalogues of popular groups for Giriband v Boyband week, and with Mel B and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini sitting at the judges' desk, anyone choosing songs by the Spice Girls or Girls Aloud had better be good. As the live studio rounds reach the halfway point, the pressure is mounting and there are sure to be fiery disagreements on the panel. Dermot O'Leary will be on hand to keep a cool head. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

9.45 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to Stanley Tucci and Natalie Dormer, who star in The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1, comedian Frank Skinner, and singer Lily Allen, who also provides the music.

10.45 **ITV News:** Weather.

11.05 **Film: The Kingdom.** (2007) Thriller, starring Jamie Foxx and Jennifer Garner.

1.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.30 The Grid. **7.00** Outrun the Sun. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Doncaster and Wincanton. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.05 **Come Dine with Me.** Julia Smith hosts the final party in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, hiring two waiters to give the evening a touch of class, before the week's winner is announced. (R)

6.35 **Channel 4 News.**

7.05 **Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorcycle racer heads to Colorado, where he hopes to win one of America's oldest races, the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, which ends more than 13,000ft above sea level. (R)

8.00 **Walking Through History: Norman Conquest of Pembrokeshire.** Tony Robinson heads to the south-west corner of Wales and one of Britain's finest coastal paths to find out why Pembrokeshire feels so English, even though it's more than 100 miles from the border. With its numerous castles and a fine cathedral, there are sure signs the Normans stamped their mark over the area. Tony's four-day walk traces the story of their conquest of the county, which he discovers was very different from the knockout victory at Hastings, involving a long, fiercely fought struggle.

9.00 **Film: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.** (2011) Premiere. Seven English pensioners looking for a fresh start are drawn to an advert for a hotel in the Indian city of Jaipur, and plan to spend their retirement there. They arrive to find the building dilapidated but are won over by the enthusiastic young manager, and each embarks on their own adventures in the city. Comedy drama, starring Judi Dench.

11.25 **Film: On the Road.** (2012) Premiere. Drama based on Jack Kerouac's novel, with Sam Riley and Garrett Hedlund.

2.00 Hollyoaks. (R) **4.05** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.45** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun. (R) **11.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **12.15** Alex Polizzi's Secret Italy. (R) **1.20** Film: The Santa Suit. (2010) Comedy, starring Kevin Sorbo. **3.00** Film: An Old Fashioned Christmas. (2010) A wealthy woman visits an Irish earl in the hope he can help boost her granddaughter's literary career. Period drama sequel, starring Jacqueline Bisset and Catherine Steadman. **4.45** Film: Gifts for Christmas. (2010) Christmas drama, starring Maria Sokoloff and Mark Webber.

6.25 **Film: The Christmas Heart.** (2012) The people of a close-knit neighbourhood rally round when a local boy needs a heart transplant. A suitable donor organ is found just before Christmas and is transported to the hospital by plane, but an unexpected storm jeopardises its chances of being delivered on time. Drama, starring Teri Polo and Ty Wood.

8.05 **Film: The Case for Christmas.** (2011) Premiere. A greedy business mogul is still bitter about not receiving the presents he wanted as a child, so decides to sue Santa Claus. Needing legal representation, the jolly old man turns to a lawyer desperately trying to balance his career and his responsibilities as a father. Festive comedy, starring Dean Cain, Rachel Blanchard and George Buza.

9.55 **5 News Weekend.**

10.00 **Live Boxing: The MaxiNutrition Knockout.** Coverage of the final of the light heavyweight tournament from Glow in the Bluewater Shopping Centre in Kent, featuring Bob Ajisafe v Travis Dickinson.

12.00 Gotham. Gordon and Bullock go in search of a hitman targeting council members, seemingly in an attempt to sway a vote on the development plans for the Arkham district. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** The Gadget Show. The team investigates technological applications of exoskeletons, with Jon Bentley meeting Claire Lomas, who was the first paraplegic to walk the London Marathon in a robotic suit. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. Ann Maurice and Alistair Appleton look back over highlights from the series, including a two-bedroom semi that smelt of dogs and was full of dolls. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** International Rugby Union **8.30** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **9.00** Sherlock **10.30** Bad Education **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** Life Is Toff **1.45** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.15** The Revolution Will Be Televised **2.45** Snow, Sex and Suspicious Parents **3.45** In Deep **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions **8.00** Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.40** Top of the Pops: 1979 **11.10** Timeshift: Mods, Rockers and Bank Holiday Mayhem **12.00** Top of the Pops: The Story of 1978 **1.00** Country at the BBC **2.00** Lionel Richie – Dancing on the Ceiling **3.00** Maps: Power, Plunder and Possession **4.00** Close

ITV2

12.00 Film: Honey (2003) **2.00** Film: The Little Vampire (2000) **3.50** You've Been Framed! **4.50** You've Been Framed: The Next Generation! **5.50** Film: Valiant (2005) **7.25** Film: Twister (1996) **9.45** The Xtra Factor **10.45** Celebrity Juice: McBusted Special **11.35** Tricked: More Favourite Tricks **12.35** The X Factor **2.10** Dads **2.30** Rizzle Kicks – The Hot Desk **2.40** Teleshopping

ITV3

1.00 Goodnight Mister Tom **3.20** Film: 1914 All Out (1987) **5.00** Housewife, 49 **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **12.40** Bomb Girls **1.35** World Kitchen **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.40 Kojak **12.45** Live Snooker. **5.15** Highway Patrol **5.40** Ronnie O'Sullivan: Sports Life Stories **6.45** Live Snooker. **11.15** Film: Horsemen of the Apocalypse (2009) **1.10** The Professionals **2.10** Cheers **2.40** Movies Now **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

4.45 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: The Hole (2009) **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.05** How I Met Your Mother **1.05** Rules of Engagement **2.00** The Cleveland Show **3.30** Charmed **4.15** Smallville

Film4

1.00 The Death and Life of Charlie St. Cloud (2010) **2.55** I Wanna Hold Your Hand (1978) **4.50** Only You (1994) **7.00** Stormbreaker (2006) **9.00** Shooter (2007) **11.25** From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) **1.30** Machete (2010) **3.45** Close



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The Mekong River with Sue Perkins (BBC2, 8pm)
It must be nice being a celeb. If they want a holiday, they don't need a travel agent – they can simply check in with a TV network instead, who are more than likely to pack them off to some exotic, far-flung destination. Mind you, once there they often earn their keep. This latest star-based travelogue sees comedian and Bake Off host Sue jet off to Southeast Asia, where she explores the lives of people who live on the banks of its longest river. She begins in Vietnam, where she sells noodles and farms prawns, before taking a sombre trip into Cambodia, to talk to one of the survivors of Pol Pot's genocide. There's also a look at how a whole village pins its survival on a single freshwater lake.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.25** Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph. **12.25** Sunday Politics. **1.40** BBC News; Weather. **1.55** FA Cup Final Score. **4.20** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Life Story. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.30** **Countryfile.** In an extended programme for Remembrance Sunday, Matt Baker visits a subterranean network carved out by Allied troops in the chalk quarries of Arras, Ellie Harrison reveals the iron harvest of bombs still unearthed by farmers today and Tom Heap retraces his great-uncle's journey from university to the trenches. John Craven discovers how tractors were adapted to make the world's first tanks and Adam Hanson finds out how man's best friend became his greatest ally when dogs were trained for frontline duties by the British Army. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **7.45** **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal who is in the dance-off, with the losers missing out on the chance to perform at Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Plus, Katharine Jenkins performs. **8.30** **Formula 1: The Brazilian Grand Prix.** Suzi Perry presents the key moments from Interlagos in Sao Paulo, where the 18th and penultimate round of the season took place. Sebastian Vettel comfortably won the race here last year, but the reigning world champion has endured a difficult campaign and only has one further race before he leaves Red Bull for Ferrari. Commentary by Ben Edwards and David Coulthard, and analysis by Eddie Jordan. **10.00** BBC News; Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman and guests review the latest Premier League action, including Sunderland v Everton and Swansea City v Arsenal. **11.50** **The Apprentice.** Alan Sugar challenges the teams to organise coach tours, giving them two days to persuade punters to part with their cash and take day trips to tourist attractions outside London. (R) **12.50** **Film: Lynette.** (2008) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 The Football League Show. (R) **9.40** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.10** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. (R) **12.10** The A to Z of TV Cooking. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** International Rugby Union. **2.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. The afternoon session on day one from the O2 in London. **5.00** Flog It! Trade Secrets. **5.30** Remembrance Sunday: The Cenotaph. **6.30** **MOTD: FA Cup Highlights.** Manish Bhasin presents action from the latest first-round matches, as the non-league sides aimed to make a name for themselves and book a place in the second round. **8.00** **The Mekong River with Sue Perkins.** New series. The comedienne and Great British Bake Off presenter embarks on a 3,000-mile journey along the Southeast Asian river, exploring lives and landscapes on the point of dramatic change. She begins in Vietnam, where she meets traditional river people caught up in a new capitalist revolution, before trying her hand as a noodle saleswoman and prawn farmer. Continuing to Cambodia, she is moved by the tale of a survivor of Pol Pot's genocide, before bonding with the residents of the village of Kuampang Pluk, whose survival depends on the bounty of Tonle Sap, the largest freshwater lake in Asia. **9.00** **Police Under Pressure.** Documentary following officers in Sheffield as they investigate two separate incidents of missing girls, both victims of grooming and sexual abuse. **10.00** **Rugby League: Four Nations Highlights.** New Zealand v England and Australia v Samoa. Action from the final round-robin matches at the Forsyth Barr Stadium in Dunedin, New Zealand, and Wiri Stadium in Wollongong, Australia. **11.00** **Russell Howard's Good News.** The comedian offers his perspective on stories dominating the media, whether on television, online or in print, and he is joined by a guest with an amazing tale to tell. (R) **11.30** **Film: Alpha Dog.** (2006) Fact-based crime drama. Starring Emile Hirsch. **1.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.20** Holy City. (R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.35** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.15** Horrid Henry. **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats! Super Show! (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35** Film: Carry On Screaming. (1966) **1.25** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.15** The Unforgettable Les Dawson. (R) **2.45** The X Factor. (R) **4.30** Downtown Abbey. (R) **5.35** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **6.30** **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.45** **ITV News.** Weather. **7.00** **Keep It in the Family.** Former X Factor stars Alexandra Burke, Joe McEllderry, Ryan Clark, Stacey Solomon, Jedward and Ruth Lorenzo help contestants win big prizes. Bradley Walsh hosts. **8.00** **The X Factor Results.** Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and who has scored the lowest number of votes, and there are performances by some of the biggest names in the charts. **9.00** **Downton Abbey.** Preparations are under way for Rose's wedding, but family tensions on both sides threaten to derail proceedings. Edith's arrangement with Marigold is happily working out, but how long can she and Cora conceal the truth from Robert? Denker reveals an unexpected side to her personality, which causes trouble for more than one of the servants. With the war memorial due to be unveiled, Mrs Patmore is still upset, but Robert has something up his sleeve. Branson comes to a heart-wrenching decision, and the storm clouds that have been gathering over Anna and Bates finally burst. Last in the series. **10.30** **ITV News.** Weather. **10.45** **Broadroom.** Part one of two. The lives of patients inside Berkshire's high-security psychiatric hospital, which is home to some of the nation's most dangerous men. (R) **11.45** **LVs: Cup Rugby Union.** Highlights of the second round of pool matches in this season's competition. **12.40** The Store. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.05** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.45 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.35** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. **2.05** The Big Bang Theory. **2.30** The Simpsons. (R) **3.00** Film: Addams Family Values. (1993) Comedy sequel, starring Anjelica Huston and Raul Julia. **5.00** Channel 4 News. **5.30** American Football: Live at Wembley. Jacksonville Jaguars v Dallas Cowboys (Kick-off 6.00pm). **8.00** **Speed with Guy Martin.** The motorcycle racer leaves his comfort zone as he attempts to set a world speed record for a hovercraft. These machines are notoriously difficult to control, so to learn the basic skills needed he's put through his paces by Royal Marines in a military training operation. To achieve his goal, Guy will need to stay over 86mph for a kilometre, but at these speeds, because of the hovercraft's inherent instability, even the most experienced pilots can lose control – and the worsening weather makes things that much more challenging. **9.00** **Homeland.** Carrie tries to earn the trust of a frightened asset, Quinn and Fara stake out a new suspect and Saul catches a break when he sees a familiar face on his way out of town. CIA drama, starring Claire Danes, Rupert Friend, Nazanin Boniadi and Mandy Patinkin. **10.05** **Film: Contraband.** (2012) Premiere. A reformed international smuggler must return to his old line of work to save his family from a ruthless drug lord. Crime thriller, with Mark Wahlberg and Kate Beckinsale. **12.15** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. Derrin Brown talks about his 2015 live tour. Sue Perkins reveals details of her new documentary series, and ventriloquist Nina Conti drops in ahead of her new DVD release. (R) **1.10** American Football Live. Green Bay Packers v Chicago Bears (Kick-off 1.30am) Coverage of the week 10 clash from Lambeau Field, where the NFC North rivals face each other. **4.45** The Grid. Including a look at Project Brabham. (R) **5.15** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. Revamping the kitchen and dining room of a home in Kent. (R) **5.35** Countdown. Stan Williams is in Dictionary Corner. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.35** Seaside Antics. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Wanda and the Alien. **8.30** Zack and Quack. **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.00** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.20** LazyTown. (R) **9.45** Pip Ahoy! (R) **10.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **10.05** Mr Men. (R) **10.20** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.55** 5 News Special: Remembrance Sunday 2014. **11.05** Access. **11.15** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **11.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.40** Film: Getting Even with Dad. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin and Ted Danson. **2.50** Film: Cats & Dogs. (2001) Comedy, starring Jeff Goldblum. **4.30** Film: The Polar Express. (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. **6.20** 5 News Weekend. **6.25** Film: Superman. (1978) A fledgling superhero crash-lands on Earth after evacuation from his home planet and is taken in by an elderly couple who raise him as their own. But with adolescence comes a greater understanding of his superhuman powers, leading to his rebirth as a crusader for justice and defender of the American way of life. Comic-strip adventure, with Christopher Reeve. Edited for language, flashing images and product placement. **9.00** **The MTV EMA 2014 from Glasgow.** Nicki Minaj presents the Europe Music Awards from the Hydro in Glasgow, featuring performances by the host, as well as Enrique Iglesias, Ed Sheeran, Calvin Harris and Ariana Grande. Katy Perry leads the nominations and is up for seven awards, with Ariana Grande shortlisted for six and 5 Seconds of Summer and Pharrell Williams having five each. **11.00** **Most Shocking Moments in Pop.** A countdown of outrageous events and scandals from the pop world, including Miley Cyrus's performance at the 2013 VMAs and Britney Spears shaving her head. (R) **1.50** SuperCasino. **3.10** Benidorm ER. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide
7.15 Doctor Who **8.15** Film: Shanghai Knights (2003) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Life Is Toff **11.15** American Dad! **12.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **12.30** The Revolution Will Be Televised **1.00** Snow, Sex and Suspicious Parents **2.00** Life Is Toff **2.30** People Like Us **3.30** Life Is Toff **4.00** Close
BBC Four
7.00 The Great War **8.20** West Coast Otters **8.30** Sounds of the 70s **2** New Wave – Hit Me with Your Rhythm Stick **9.00** Brian Cox: Space, Time & Videotape **10.00** Cosmos: A Personal Voyage **10.50** The Day After Tomorrow – Into Infinity **11.40** The Day the Universe Changed **12.30** The Heart of Country: How Nashville Became Music City USA **2.00** Country Queens at the BBC **3.00** John Denver: Country Boy **4.00** Close
ITV2
2.15 100% You've Been Framed! **3.15** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Kids **4.20** Film: Despicable Me (2010) **6.10** Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) **8.00** Scorpion **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Film: Little Man (2006) **11.55** Film: I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007) **2.10** The Vampire Diaries **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
3.00 A Touch of Frost **5.00** Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes (2000) **7.00** Lewis **9.00** The One and Only Cilla Black **10.30** An Audience with Barry Manilow **11.30** Film: The Life of David Gae (2003) **2.00** William and Mary **2.50** Judge Judy **3.30** ITV3 Nightscreen
ITV4
11.40 Kojak **12.45** Live Snooker. **5.15** Cheers **5.40** Jimmy White: Sports Life Stories **6.45** Live Snooker: The concluding session of the Champion of Champions final. **11.15** Film: Born to Raise Hell (2010) **1.20** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **2.20** Tommy Cooper **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
3.55 New Girl **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **10.05** The Inbetweeners **11.15** Drifters **11.50** Rude Tube: Utter Pranks **12.50** Glue **1.50** Rules of Engagement **2.40** Rude Tube: Utter Pranks **3.35** Hollyoaks
Film4
1.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **2.50** The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) **4.40** A Knight's Tale (2001) **7.15** Post Grad (2009) **9.00** Fracture (2007)



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Money saved in interest by borrowing from a credit union as opposed to borrowing from a bank or any other lender helps to keep money in the local area and has the wider benefit of boosting the local economy as people have more disposable income to spend in local shops & businesses.

Castle & Crystal has been established since 1993 & operates from its office based on 25 New Street, in Dudley town centre. The organisation is owned and run by its members so rather than rewarding outside investors, like the big banks, it shares its profits with its members and puts their interests first. Savings held with a credit union are safe and secure, as they are protected up to the value of £85000 under the government's Financial Services Compensation Scheme

The Archbishop of Canterbury has been leading the call for churches and individuals to support credit unions. The Church of England in Worcestershire and Dudley has supported Castle and Crystal with churches in Dudley and the Worcester Diocesan Social Responsibility Fund opening accounts. These generous investments will ultimately increase the credit unions pool of funds thus benefitting the local community by providing access to a source of affordable credit for local residents.

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Robert Higham, Diocesan Secretary for the Diocese of Worcester & Georgina Payne, Business and Customer Service Assistant for Castle and Crystal Credit Union.

MONDAY
Pacific Heights, Channel 5, 10.55pm
A couple buy their dream house and rent out a flat to a well-off bachelor who turns out to be the tenant from hell. He subjects them to a campaign of terror in a play to force them off the property – while the law appears to be always on his side. Psychological thriller, starring Michael Keaton, Melanie Griffith, Matthew Modine and Tippi Hedren. (1990)

TUESDAY
Secret Liaison, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A former District Attorney learns her sister has been accused of murder, and flies out to Los Angeles to clear her name. Her investigation uncovers a web of high-level infidelity and betrayal and leads to her making an enemy of one of the city's most powerful men. Thriller, starring Meredith Monroe and Rick Ravanello. (2013)

WEDNESDAY
Carnal Innocence, Channel 5, 3.15pm
World-famous musician Caroline Waverly moves back to her quiet home town, hoping to establish a simpler life. However, her return coincides with a spate of killings, and as rumours spread that a serial killer is on the loose, she begins to worry she may be the next victim. Thriller based on Nora Roberts' novel, starring Gabrielle Anwar and Colin Egglesfield. (2011)



Psycho, Friday, Channel 4, 11.40pm

FRIDAY
GoldenEye, ITV, 10.40pm
James Bond heads for Russia to investigate the connection between the theft of an experimental helicopter and an orbital satellite weapon with the power to devastate entire cities. He discovers both have fallen into the hands of a mysterious criminal mastermind. Adventure, with Pierce Brosnan. (1995)

Psycho, Channel 4, 11.40pm
A woman on the run after stealing from her boss ends up at an isolated motel, where the owner's curious relationship with his domineering mother results in murder. Alfred Hitchcock's psychological thriller, starring Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh. (1960)

Michael Collins, BBC2, 12.40am
Fact-based drama focusing on the life of the Irish radical who rose to prominence after his involvement in the 1916 Easter Rising against British rule. Written and directed by Neil Jordan, and starring Liam Neeson, Julia Roberts, Alan Rickman and Aidan Quinn. (1996)

Paying a fitting tribute to our fallen war heroes

Every November we pay tribute to the selflessness of those individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, remembering their deeds and valour in conflicts across the globe.

This latest festival at the Royal Albert Hall, where some of the biggest names in music will gather together in the presence of the Queen and other members of the royal family, reminds us that Remembrance comes in different guises, both silent and celebratory.

Those paying homage to the fallen include the cast of War Horse and D-Day veteran Jim Radford. They perform alongside the Massed Bands of the Household Division, and the bands of HM Royal Marines and the Queen's Colour Squadron.

Huw Edwards presents coverage, which includes the traditional two-minute silence as thousands of poppy petals fall from the venue's ceiling.

This latest poignant show also features a performance by singer Joss Stone. The Grammy and Brit Award-winner has teamed up with guitarist Jeff Beck to record 2014's official Poppy Appeal single.

On October 23, Joss took part in The Watch – a sunrise to sunset vigil at the Cenotaph in central London – to launch 2014's Poppy Appeal.

"I was honoured to be asked to record this year's Poppy Appeal single and to take part in The Watch," explains Joss.

"It is a fantastic charity and The Watch is great new initiative and I hope it becomes a continuing feature each year when we remember the fallen and celebrate the living."

With this year marking the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, it will be an emotional time for many, including Pamela Armitage Campbell.

The eloquent octogenarian has a spirit that is infectious. It's possible she picked it up from her dad, Reg Evans.

Earlier this year he was portrayed by Daniel Mays in ITV's drama-documentary The Great War: The People's Story, but Reg's life is worthy of any big-screen epic.

The First World War hero was decorated for his bravery on the front line in 1915; he was awarded the

Distinguished Conduct Medal before suffering an injury that could have destroyed most people.

Reg was shot in the face in February 1916, an injury which cost him most of his jaw and sent him away from the battlefields.

After undergoing pioneering surgery and a period of recovery, he volunteered to continue to serve for the British forces in Russia.

Reg was posted far away from home until 1920, long after his peers had been demobbed.

"I've had my father's letters for many years now," Pamela explains. "I've spent a lot of time on my own because my husband worked in Germany and I was living in France, so I would take them out periodically and type out the letters. It would take a long time because they were written on bits of paper, anything he'd had to hand in the trenches."

Those notes and letters were turned into the ebook, Reg Evans DCM – A Hero's War in His Own Words, which like the Festival of Remembrance, is a fitting tribute to some unforgettably brave people.



Joss Stone is among the performers, Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance 2014, Saturday, BBC1, 9.10pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
How Rich Are You? Channel 4, 8pm

Unless those winning Lottery numbers paid off, or you're the brains behind a lucrative business, money, for most of us, is too tight to mention. However, while many are struggling to make ends meet, we may be richer than we thought compared to some families. It's all a question of relativity, and one man who's attempting to put things in context is Richard Bacon. This one-off special illustrates where each of us stand in the great money map of Britain – and what that position means. As the UK has been officially declared the most unequal society in Europe, Bacon, the experts and the studio audience examine the consequences of the income divide.

TUESDAY
The Nation's Favourite Queen Song ITV, 9pm

Some groups can be dismissed with the phrase 'when you've heard one, you've heard them all', but not Queen. From the anthemic We Will Rock You to the disco-influenced Another One Bites the Dust via the rockability of Crazy Little Thing Called Love, the operatic Bohemian Rhapsody and the frankly indescribable Bicycle Race, their back catalogue is nothing if not eclectic. It's one of the reasons they

managed to rack up nearly 50 top 30 hits, and are still attracting new fans more than 23 years after frontman Freddie Mercury's death. But which of their tracks is the nation's favourite? This countdown aims to find out as it counts down the top 20. Celebrity fans including Katy Perry, Tony Hadley, Mel C, Noddy Holder and Arlene Phillips offer their opinions, while Queen members Roger Taylor and Brian May share some of the stories behind the songs.

WEDNESDAY
Broadmoor ITV, 9pm

Let's make no bones about it – the first part of this documentary made for rather shocking viewing, and this concluding part doesn't get much easier. Then again, that's why before now cameras haven't been allowed in the most famous high-security hospital in the world. In tonight's final instalment, one patient describes his life as 'satanic' and gives details of his abusive childhood, while another is finally considered well enough to leave Broadmoor after spending over a decade there. Meanwhile, the cameras follow patients taking part in a group drugs counselling session and



The Fall, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

THURSDAY
The Fall BBC2, 9pm

It's been just over a year since we last saw serial killer Paul Spector, and those of us who were hooked on the first series have been eagerly awaiting the second run to find out what he's been up to since then. Actually, not that much because the drama picks up just 10 days after Spector was seen taking his wife and children away from their Belfast home. However, life has changed dramatically for Jamie Dornan, the actor who plays him. He's been cast in the eagerly awaited Fifty Shades of

Grey movie, which is set to turn him into a major star on both sides of the Atlantic. He's sure to be running from fans before long, rather than the police. Not that Spector appears to be panicking, although he does have lots of loose ends to tie up in Belfast, especially as his final victim is still alive. Gibson tries to help her remember her attacker, but it's hearing how a face from his past is assisting the police that prompts Spector into drastic – and terrifying – action.

FRIDAY
Children in Need 2014 BBC1, 7.30pm

Terry Wogan and Tess Daly kick off another bumper evening of fundraising fun in support of disadvantaged children across the UK. The cast of West End hit Charlie and the Chocolate Factory gets the party started before the action moves to Albert Square for a musical performance by the EastEnders stars. There's also a treat for Doctor Who fans with an exclusive clip. At 8pm, Bruce Forsyth is reunited with Tess Daly to host a junior version of Strictly Come Dancing, and the Children's Choir sees 2,000 young voices singing in unison across the nation. By 8.30pm One Direction make their first appearance of the evening, and there's plenty more to come before things wrap up at 2am.

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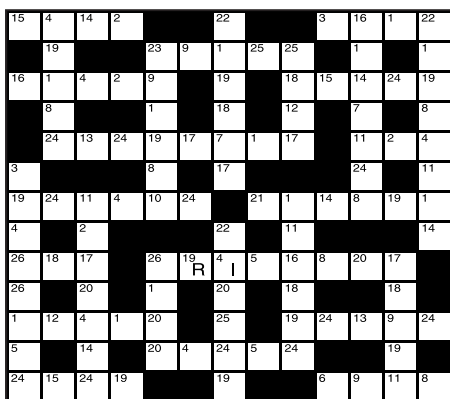
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

X	E	H	G	Q	N	R	U	Y	P	S	W	K
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
D	F	C	B	V	M	I	Z	T	L	A	J	O

1	14
2	15
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

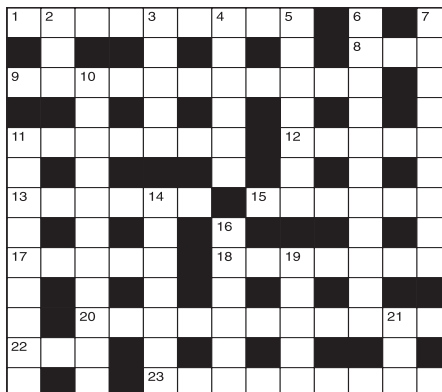
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Its catch is intended to be unharmed (6-3)
8. Single made in marriage (3)
9. Put the crowd on stage to entertain (4,3,4)
11. Poise graduate with spear (7)
12. Be of use back in Australia vacationing (5)
13. Hardened when damaged element removed (6)
15. A team's incidental remarks (6)
17. Great fear, almost, to make a mistake (5)
18. Game of bridge (7)
20. Precious stone lies around in Ireland (7,4)
22. Prohibition where drinks are sold (3)
23. Hasty seed changes unfavourably in such times (5,4)

Down

2. For both sides in the final leg (3)
3. Giant bird gets article (5)
4. Uncle Sam's girls? (6)
5. Courageous workers unlikely to be horse-lovers? (7)
6. Very many at the sales (4,3,4)
7. Fatal 17? (6,3)
10. Every side allowing no half-measures? (3,8)
11. Not a single-minded young lady (5-2-2)
14. Being serious, set out to get wages (7)
16. A poet I obtain a drug from (6)
19. Gently push George initially into being naked (5)
21. Not a professional's song (3)



Quick Clues:

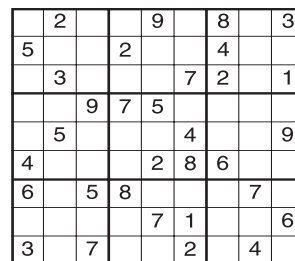
Across

1. Australian missile (9)
8. Sheep (3)
9. Remark (11)
11. Utmost (7)
12. Problem (5)
13. Thwarted (6)
15. Continue (4,2)
17. Antic (5)
18. Search (7)
20. Destroyed (11)
22. Curve (3)
23. Artifice (9)

Down

2. Sphere (3)
3. Weird (5)
4. Rouse (6)
5. Glance (7)
6. Aid (4,7)
7. Respect (9)
10. Positions (4,2,5)
11. Valid (9)
14. Missions (7)
16. Tie (6)
19. Guide (5)
21. Look at (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	5	3	8	9	7	4	2	6
7	6	9	4	5	2	1	8	3
4	8	2	1	3	6	9	5	7
3	1	5	2	8	4	7	6	9
8	4	6	7	1	9	5	3	2
9	2	7	5	6	3	8	1	4
2	7	1	6	4	5	3	9	8
5	3	4	9	2	8	6	7	1
6	9	8	3	7	1	2	4	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Repair; 8 Stitch; 10 Mineral; 11 Pulse; 12 Crew; 13 Byres; 17 Sight; 18 Tent; 22 Hated; 23 Noisome; 24 Second; 25 Menial. Down: 1 Grimace; 2 Spinner; 3 Fibre; 4 Staples; 5 Still; 6 Sheet; 9 Plaything; 14 Winding; 15 Deposit; 16 Steeple; 19 Chase; 20 Stock; 21 Lines. QUICK - Across: 7 Exempt; 8 Covert; 10 Elector; 11 Verse; 12 Shut; 13 Short; 17 Crash; 18 Lean; 22 Dress; 23 Requite; 24 Ravage; 25 Pieces. Down: 1 Reverse; 2 Revenue; 3 Spite; 4 Convert; 5 Heart; 6 Steer; 9 Orchestra; 14 Presage; 15 Bewitch; 16 Intense; 19 Adore; 20 Heavy; 21 Equip.

Quiz

1. In which year was the US Declaration of Independence issued?
2. Which former Spurs star died in December 1993?
3. In which ocean are the Wake Islands?
4. Which Russian billionaire bought Chelsea Football Club in 2003?
5. During whose reign was the name Saxe-Coburg-Gotha changed to Windsor?
6. How many players are there in a Gaelic football team?
7. How do we know the colourful bird erithacus rubecula?
8. In which country was gin first produced?
9. On which island is the resort of Cowes?
10. Which musical form is named after the Latin for 'flight'?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Jupiter; 2 Contras; 3 Iodine;

4 Sir Edward Heath; 5 Four; 6 Great

Expectations; 7 Graffiti; 8 Edinburgh; 9 220;

10 Alexander.

Niner: SQUEALING

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

13697 gives a dog,
124468 gives another dog,
5398 gives a horse.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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With double glazing and gas central heating it has an entrance hall with laminate floor, a lounge, large dining kitchen and patio doors to conservatory, utility room, cloakroom, bedroom one with wardrobes, bedroom two with laminate flooring, L-shaped bedroom three, bedroom four/study and bedroom five with a storage cupboard. There is a bathroom and a garage, drive and gardens. Contact Hicks Hadley on 01562 510440 or visit www.hickshadley.com



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A beautiful two bedroom first floor apartment in a popular residential development. The property benefits from double glazing and allocated parking. The accommodation comprises of: Communal entrance hall, Private entrance hall, 'L' Shaped Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom and Two Bedrooms

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An extremely well presented three bedroom detached property with accommodation to comprise of kitchen, lounge/diner, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from double glazing, central heating, tarmacadam driveway affording off road parking to the fore, garage with separate boiler store and to the rear of the property there is a patio, lawned garden and timber shed. UNFURNISHED EPC RATING = E DSS:NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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New Corsa is a big deal

By Graham Breeze

Vauxhall this week unveiled the brand's most significant car in years with the arrival of a new Corsa.

The supermini is already the third best selling car in Britain but Vauxhall are clearly unhappy to be trailing behind Ford's Fiesta and have come up with a real option.

I've long been boring friends and work colleagues about the virtues of Ford's amazing 1.0 litre EcoBoost so today I'm feeling a little smug that Vauxhall has also recognised its strengths and come up with a genuine rival with a one-litre, three cylinder engine.

You can chose from either 89bhp or 113bhp engines – the 113 being the quickest model available though a VXR is on the way which will develop 200bhp.

The big news is that Vauxhall is so determined to take a slice of Ford's market that prices have been chopped and the 1.0 litre comes in £1,000 cheaper than the Fiesta with prices starting at just under £9,000.

From the outside there are no dramatic changes in appearance but it's under the bonnet that Vauxhall has concentrated efforts on producing improved performance, better fuel consumption, lower emissions and all at a lower price.

Corsa still comes in three and five door versions. The three door is a stylish looker while the five door will prove more popular with the small family buyer.

There are noticeable changes at the front with new headlamps, bonnet, grille and bumper derived from the Adam city car while inside there is a smart new centre

console, seven-inch touchscreen system and a more upmarket look. Vauxhall claim the inside is class leading and may just be right.

There's better ride and control thanks to a new lower suspension system bolted on to the basic platform and the 113bhp 1.0-litre three-cylinder turbo tested took just 10.3 seconds to get from 0-62mph.

Vauxhall claims fuel economy of 57.6mpg and 115g/km of CO2 for the 113bhp version and 65.7mpg and 100g/km for the 89bhp model. A new 1.3-litre CDTi diesel is the most frugal, returning up to 88.3mpg with tax-free emissions of 85g/km.

Three new gearboxes – a manual, an automatic and an Easytronic – are available, with improved shift quality and providing greater overall efficiency.

The New Corsa is the first small Vauxhall to be available with the new six-speed, torque converter automatic transmission giving an increased number of ratios.

The new Corsa has a heated front screen – a first for Vauxhall – and £450 will give you an advanced parking system, complete with rear view cameras and side blind spot alerts.

Without testing the model it's hard to explain just how impressive the drive is. It's quiet around town or when being asked to perform and amazing technology means it pulls surprisingly well to reach top speeds.

There's enough room in the back for three passengers, though you would not be comfortable over long journeys, and the 285 litre boot is big enough for most things but not the golf clubs. The 60-40 split rear seats don't fold completely flat either.

The outgoing Corsa has been a sales phenomenon for Vauxhall and has been the company's best-selling car for many



'It's under the bonnet that Vauxhall has concentrated efforts.'

years, vying with Fiesta for the UK's Number One spot and topping sales charts in Scotland and Northern Ireland outright.

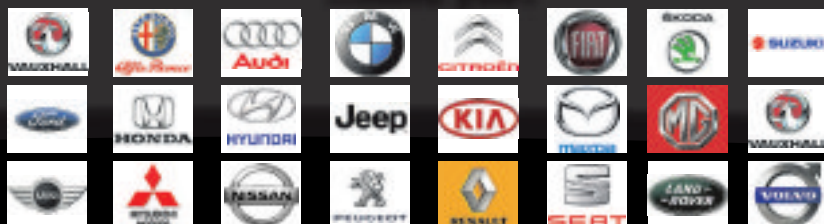
In its last full year, 84,000 were sold, and the UK is now the lead market for Corsa by a large margin – Germany was the second biggest market in 2013 with around 50,000 sales.

Make no mistake this fourth generation Corsa is a big deal for Vauxhall and a fortune has been invested to ensure it becomes the company's most important player. Friends and colleagues beware! I'm going to be preaching about the amazing three cylinder 1.0 litre Corsa engine for a very long time

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SONYA slim attractive vibrant lady with GSOH, social nature, fit/active, WILTM N/S male up to 60yrs for romantic genuine respectful relationship, loving. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413441

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KAREN 34 blue/green eyed size 12 attractive brunette who loves pubs, cosy nights in, kids, seeking special honest guy/dad for poss ltr. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413005

ROSA 27 sexy senorita seeking older handsome prince charming to whisk me off to my feet, enjoy fun times, improve my English and fall in love with me. Age/race unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412927

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KIM 25yrs feminine, pretty, big blue eyes, GSOH, varied interests, likes romantic beach walks, cosy nights in, seeking honest loving man for ltr. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411777

CAROL young 47, caring, loyal, likes music, concerts, cinema, theatre, seeks male with similar interests for fun times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411919

PROFESSIONAL black lady, likes cooking, music, countryside, seeking honest, reliable gent, possibly farmer for friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411763

VICKY 37yr professional, mum to one, sensual and very attractive, looking for a real man, tall, fit, sincere and passionate to enjoy each other's company. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411695

SARA bored blonde looking for single gents for fun, chats and meets, looking forward to hearing from you, don't be shy. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412055

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NICKY bubbly curvy fun blonde, varied interests, enjoys meals out, holidays, seeking N/S male with GSOH for possible ltr. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410478

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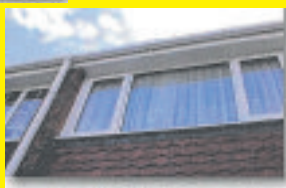


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Pottinger has will to stay with Heathens

WILL POTTINGER spent the weekend celebrating Cradley's National League title glory – and then vowed to stay with the club wherever they race next year.

The Heathens won a second successive championship in the same week as they retained the Knockout Cup and Fours titles.

But off the track the club have so far failed to secure the elusive new piece of land in the Dudley or Sandwell area needed for a permanent new home – and they've lost the use of Wolverhampton's Monmore Green after five seasons.

Manager Pottinger said: "It's been an amazing week winning three trophies and I can't speak highly enough of the lads.

"I really hope this isn't the end of the road, but if it is then there is no better way to go out, the lads have been tremendous all season and the best team won the league. Nobody can argue with that.

"At this stage we just don't know what's going to happen next season, but I would like to stay with the club and follow them wherever they go.

"I'm sure the management team will be doing their best to keep us on track," he added..

League is looking for teams

TEAMS are being sought to snap up the last places in the new season which is starting in the Brierley Hill 6-a-side league.

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Stourbridge outgrades Circle team

STOURBRIDGE chess club's third team played at Mutual Circle on Tuesday in Birmingham Division 5 and the second were at home to Warley Quinborne on Wednesday.

The thirds had a good team assembled with only one of the preferred players unavailable.

Stourbridge outgraded Mutual Circle on all boards. First to finish was Jet Ajmal on board five who gained a rook and then quickly won.

Colin Woodall was the next to finish with his attack against the Sicilian Defence forcing a significant win of material at which

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point his opponent resigned. Sam Bradley played another successful Caro Kan and was soon two pieces up. The win soon followed to make it 3-0.

Steve Alcock's opponent then blundered, allowing Steve to fork his king and queen with his knight, 4-0.

Tony Shaw on board one was a pawn up in a rook ending which he converted into a win. This left Jeremy Humphries on board two to adjourn in a won position. Stour-

bridge won 5-0 with a probable further win to come.

The club is now third in the league with Birmingham one point ahead having played one more game and Redditch four points ahead from two extra matches.

It's early days but the club's last match against Redditch in March is already beginning to look like the decider in the first season in this league provided the club doesn't get too many players tied to a higher team.

The second team were missing two players but fielded two strong reserves. The opposition arrived, with only five players and

a default on board six. Stour started with a 1-0 advantage but almost threw it away in the early stages when captain Paul Sharratt misplayed the opening. Fortunately, Julie Wilson went ahead with a two pawn advantage and Tony Shaw was also a pawn ahead.

Steve Jukes and Tony Shaw agreed draws on their boards to make it 2-1.

Paul Sharratt was slowly clawing his way back into the game after his poor start, and agreed a draw.

With Wilson still clearly ahead, her opponent resigned to give the match 4-2 to Stourbridge.

Reece's late goal proves a winner

Nantwich 2 Stourbridge 3

GLASSBOYS' striker George Bowerman netted a debut goal to help Stourbridge to a 3-2 Northern Premier League, Premier Division, victory at Nantwich.

The former Walsall hot-shot linked up with the Glassboys on loan from League Two side Accrington Stanley and made an immediate impact with a goal early in the second half.

But it didn't go all the way of the visitors who suffered a nightmare start when defender Andre Francis was sent off after just two minutes following a 50/50 challenge with Kyle Blake.

But they picked themselves up and went ahead on 12 minutes when Drew Canavan's corner picked out Paul McCone with a close-range header straight into the net.

The former Kidderminster defender's goal was all that separated the sides at the break but Bowerman doubled the visitors' lead 10 minutes into the second half.

Nantwich reduced the arrears but the points were secured four minutes from time when Reece Hales slotted home and sealed the game for the Glassboys.

DK given a Serge with new player

DUDLEY Kingswinford director of rugby Carl Douglas has been boosted with the news that second row Edlyn Serge has signed for the National League Three Midlands club.

The 30-year-old South African has been looking to play in Europe after previously turning out for Belhar in his homeland.

And Douglas is excited to have him on board. He said: "The signing of Edlyn is a big step forward for us."

DK sit one place off the bottom of the table with just one win from eight games, although Douglas saw some positives in the recent 27-10 defeat at Hinckley. "The team put an 80 minute shift in and worked hard from start to finish," he said.

Score in injury time really hurts DK side

DK 17 Lichfield 24

THE game began with Lichfield putting the DK defence under extreme pressure with waves of attacks in the Dudley 22.

However, the thin blue line coped admirably, and showed no sign of breaking. With the initial assault thwarted, DK made their way steadily down the field.

The home side started to apply pressure leading to a penalty kick which was put wide by Kieran Pinches.

DK kept up the pressure in the Lichfield half and after 18 minutes they won a scrummage and moved the ball along the line to Jamie Hearn on his debut for them.

Jamie beat his man with an arcing outside break to register his first try for them, the five became seven when Kieran added the extras.

DK's lead lasted just a short time when Lichfield gained a scrum and their centre Greg Massey scored with almost a carbon copy of the earlier try, Luke Massey added the extras.

The rest of the first half saw DK gain some dominance but they were unable to convert the pressure into points, then there was an omen of things to come.

Lichfield broke away and appeared to score with the final play of the half with DK very glad the assistant referee's flag went up.

Within two minutes of the second half starting, DK were behind when Lichfield centre Paul Maxwell-Keyes broke through following a line out to make it with Luke Massey adding an-

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other conversion.

Then in the 46th minute right wing Liam Marshall powered over in the corner with two tacklers trying to stop him.

This followed a flowing DK attack, the conversion from the touchline was missed so 12-14 to Lichfield.

DK were once again able to mount some pressure, and after 52 minutes were awarded a scrum on the right wing 30 metres out.

The ball was secured and moved into midfield.

Contact was made and the ensuing ruck was quickly won and the ball was swiftly moved to Jamie Hearn who gave the ball to Nic Adams.

He put in a well weighed grubber which was waiting for him in goal to apply the downward pressure, another missed conversion out wide, but DK were back in the lead.

Three minutes later Lichfield were awarded a penalty, Luke Massey was on target.

With DK fans hoping to hold out for a draw, full back Danny Rowlands scored with Luke Massey converting.



Jamie Hearn rounds his man to break clear to score DK's first try but Lichfield went on to outscore them

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Stour are thrown a lifeline by Josh

Carlton 1 Stourbridge 1
JOSH Morgan-Parker's late heroics kept Stourbridge's FA Trophy hopes alive as the substitute pounced three minutes from time at Carlton Town to earn his side a replay.

The forward left it late to save the Glassboys from an early exit from the competition as his close-range finish in the 87th minute cancelled out Josh Rae's first-half goal.

Stour started the game brightly but were stunned in the 20th minute when Rae ghosted in at the back post to convert Jamie Walker's left-wing cross.

The visitors cranked up the pressure but were thwarted by Millers' keeper Curtis McDonald who twice denied former Walsall former George Bowerman before keeping out a Drew Canavan effort from close range.

Kristian Ramsey-Dickson volleyed over from a corner in the second half and Brian Smikle had a shot saved as Stour opened brightly.

But captain Paul McCone's goal-line clearance prevented Lee Potts from putting Carlton further ahead and it proved a vital intervention as Morgan-Parker, introduced with 10 minutes to play, slotted home his first goal for the Glassboys.

Boss hits out at red card

VILLA boss Paul Lambert came out fighting after his side slumped to their sixth successive defeat.

The manager watched on in horror as Villa were beaten 2-1 by Spurs at the weekend and saw his star striker Christian Benteke red carded - sparking a three-match ban.

Benteke put his hand in the face of Tottenham's Ryan Mason's after a second-half tussle but Lambert laughed off the challenge - telling the media his daughter could punch harder.

"Christian Benteke was showing great form. Tottenham could not handle him and it is disappointing with the red card," said Lambert. "You cannot condone what he did but it is not like he threw a Mike Tyson punch. My daughter can punch harder than that."

Jan Vertonghen was also booked.

Foxes' own goal hands Baggies the points

Leicester 0 Albion 1

FORGET about the quality, just count the points.

That was the clear message from the Albion camp after another priceless Premier League victory.

And more than 3,000 noisy travelling fans at the King Power Stadium seemed happy to agree.

There is no instant fix to the kind of problems that beset the club and the dressing room last term.

Irvine has, instead, opted for a back-to-basics approach to repairing the damage.

Football

And although there was nothing on Saturday to get the visiting supporters off their seats with unbridled excitement, there was enough on show against a limited Foxes side to generate a contented smile or two.

On Saturday they proved they have rediscovered the desire and togetherness to grind out a tight game and cash in on any slice of fortune that comes their way, such as the comical Esteban Cambiasso own goal that decided a drab game.

Such are the baby steps Irvine and Co are taking towards a restoration of order at The Hawthorns.

And at present, supporters who feared for the immediate future of the club in spring are buying into the plan.

The garden is far from rosy and Irvine would have arrived at the King Power Stadium with some familiar worries playing on his mind.

Events on the field would have done little to ease his concerns. The decision to omit Brown Ideye from the matchday 18 threw into clear focus nagging doubts among Bag-

gies staff about the Nigeria international's adaptation to life in England.

Albion are not a club who can afford a £10m record signing to fail to contribute in the longer term and, privately, heads are being scratched.

On Saturday Leicester did everything within their limited powers to cancel out Cambiasso's moment of misfortune, only to find Albion too resilient for them with Le-scott pulling the strings in an understated manner at the heart of defence.

Cambiasso proved to be the key figure as he netted at the wrong end.

Gornal put up a fight

Gornal Athletic 3 Studley 2
GORNAL Athletic overturned a two-goal deficit against a strong Studley side to progress to the second round of the FA Vase.

And it was a double substitution in the second half that provided the impetus for the West Midlands Premier side's change in fortunes.

Studley looked as if they had done enough to claim their place in the draw for the next round when striker Josh McKenzie added the second goal of his brace on 70 minutes. He had given the Warwickshire outfit the lead from the penalty spot on 25 minutes.

However, the introduction of Grant Joshua and Tom Piggott provided the Peacocks with the boost they needed to claw their way back in the final quarter.

Ross Love stunned the visitors with two goals in as many minutes, with a superb 15-yard strike on 77 minutes, and a close range header on 79 minutes.

Gornal's turnaround was completed on 85 minutes when substitute Piggott shell-shocked Studley with an 18-yard screamer.

We can finish top - Edwards

DAVE EDWARDS believes Wolves can finish in the top two after likening them to the 'Swansea of the Championship'.

"We think we have enough to be promoted in the top two," he said.

"Everyone in the dressing room believes we can do it. There isn't one team we fear or think are better than us."

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WINGERS HAND OUT HAMMERING

Stourbridge 62 Stockport 7

STOURBRIDGE at last rediscovered their form, a potent blend of power and pace blowing away opponents.

Though committing several defenders to each tackle the visitors were consistently driven back. The resulting quick ball was thrown wide at every opportunity, both wingers grabbing hat-tricks, Stefan Cooksammy's coming before halftime.

Fullback Jon Higgins slotted an early penalty and the restart was run back at the visitors.

Centre Stef Shillingford was worked into space near halfway, he drew the final defender and linked to Cooksammy who scored in the corner.

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Shillingford spotted a half-gap and powered through an attempted tackle. He advanced 50m, brushing off tackles before delivering a scoring pass to Nathan Bressington.

Stour secured scrum ball and a worked move put Cooksammy clear down the touchline, with little space to work in he stayed on his feet and drove through the cover to score.

A fumbled restart finally gave Stockport some attacking ball in the Stour half though, they set siege to the Stour line and an irresistible catch & drive was scored by Kieran Hibbs.

A huge Shillingford cut-out pass found hooker Dale Garner who trotted over unhindered.

Centre Ben Barkley broke

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through, finding Shillingford who stepped inside the cover and had the simplest of draw and give passes to put Cooksammy under the posts.

With the half time whistle imminent Drew Harper pounced on an untidy line-out ball to set up a big drive from Uzoigwe, the ball went wide to Bressington who pulled the drift defence across before slotting a neat inside grubber kick that Shillingford side-footed through and dived on to score.

Stour then attacked off a lineout and Adam Sturdy was on hand to finish the move with a close range drive.

The momentum was again with Stour, lock forward Robbie Hurrell secured a line-out ball near halfway for replacement Sione Tu'ipolotu to ghost through the defences.

Shillingford was put into space, he cut back and found Bressington in support to score.

The performance was rounded off when Bressington wrongfooted the cover to score his hat-trick try.



Stourbridge winger Stefan Cooksammy scores the first of his three tries during the one sided match

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